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For our beloved PoT
one night pass to the Mukai show
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ナイスミドル探偵・舞鶴元彌（まいづるもとや）は特殊能力の持ち主。

人や物に触れると相手の過去や思念が「読める」のだ…。

シャイな舞鶴と助手で頼もしい美青年・那珂川（なかがわ）の

大人の魅力満点、読み応え抜群の超触感ラブ。

二人の浴衣姿や露天風呂シーンも覗けちゃう、

商業誌未発表作＋おまけ4コマ付き♥

Maizuru Motoya

On the surface he seems like your typical bummy character but on the inside he s an old social hermit with ESP powers from Hell

"He hates social contact so much it's unbelievable, so it was SOOOO easy to direct."

Yamashita Hajime

He works as part of the police force but doesn't really care for that job So he s an honest guy with a lot of enemies And he s a lusty kinda guy

I voted somebody else for clothes and hair so he was a little more difficult.

Nakagawa Toki

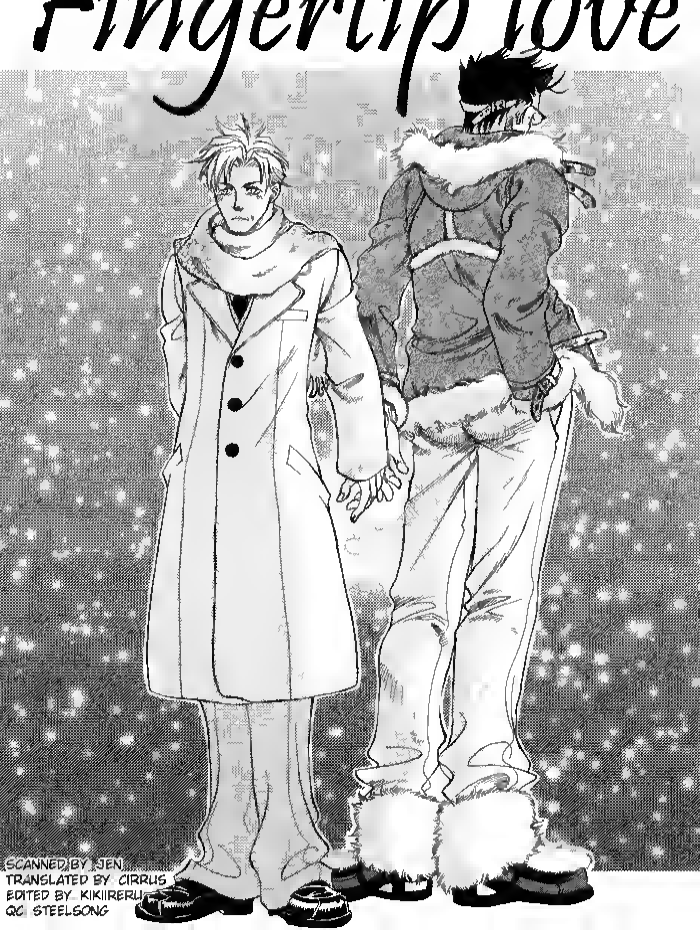
Due to trouble at home regarding the family inheritance he had to run away But he ended up a powerless moneyless and cheeky young man He s infatuated with older men!

"Hair and clothes, I can't tell if he's a delinquent, but was so difficult, it really was crazy! Especially when I'm busy."

I swear, I'll kill those two!
I know how you feel kid
OH NAKAGAWA-KUN... I'm embarrassed
Nakagawa Toki
Due to trouble at home regarding the family inheritance he to run away But he ended up a powerless moneyless and cheeky young man He s infatuated with older men
Maizuru
Long time no see

Yubisaki no Koi

Fingertip love



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Maizuru Detective Office
I THINK MY HUSBAND IS CHEATING ON ME!!! WAAAAAH!!
HE STAYS OUT LATE EVERY SINGLE NIGHT WITH THE SMELL OF CHEAP PERFUME CLINGING TO HIS CLOTHES
AND ON TOP OF THAT, I FOUND LIPSTICK ON HIS SHIRT COLLAR!!
SO THEN ♡
IF YOU'D LIKE TO FILE AS ONE OF OUR CLIENTS THEN PLEASE FILL OUT THE NECESSARY FORMS
Smile
LET ME INTRODUCE MYSELF I'M MAIZURU MOTOYA, AGE 32, AND I WORK AS A DETECTIVE.
Am I ever Lost!
THAT ALL RIGHT WITH YOU BOSS?
Sure
I THINK I'LL LEAVE THE REST OF THE CLIENTS UP TO YOU FOR TODAY.
HUH ♡

*This story is fiction All similarities to existing ppl and events are strictly coincidence

Tama
what!?
Yes
It's just as cool as ever
GOOD LUCK SOLVING THE MYSTERY OF THE "MISSING TAMA"
VERY WELL THEN, I'LL HANDLE THIS ONE
THIS IS MY ASSISTANT NAKAGAWA TOKI-KUN AGE 25 HE'S AN UPRIGHT HARD WORKING YOUNG MAN NOT TO MENTION HANDSOME
TAMA?! BUT WHY DO I HAVE TO---
FINE, FINE
poke
BUT
IT'S COMMON KNOWLEDGE HOW FAMOUS YOUR POSITION AS A GREAT DETECTIVE IS AND I'M JUST A LOWLY ROOKIE, ADMIRING YOUR GREATNESS
snff
SEE?
flop
bish
boom
bam

*haphephobia = morbid fear of being touched

THAT ALMOST... GAVE ME A HEART ATTACK!!
HOW CAN YOU EVER EXPECT TO GET ANY INVESTIGATIONS DONE WITH YOUR *HAPHEPHOBIA?
unedump
LEAVE THE REST TO ME.
unedump
unedump

I WISH I NEVER HAD THIS DAMN POWER
IT'S ALWAYS BEEN USEFUL FOR WORK, BUT IT'S NOTHING BUT A BURDEN WHEN DEALING WITH MY PARTNER
I HAVE THE POWER TO READ PEOPLE'S MINDS, WITH A SINGLE TOUCH
crash
boom
TRIP
HEY THERE!
MOTOYA! YA' IN?
DO YOU HAVE TO YELL LIKE THAT!? I CAN HEAR YOU JUST FINE!
Timid
HOW'S WORK TREATIN' YA'!? HEY, OLD BUDDY, OLD PAL!?

DETAILS, DETAILS BESIDES WE'RE BUDDIES, AREN'T WE? ♡
But I was in the middle of lunch.
HAJIME, WHATEVER KIND OF WORK YOU BRING IS NOT THE WORK WE DO!!
WELL, LOOK WHO'S A LITTLE STIFFY.
AFTER I CAME BRINGING WORK, TOO
HE WAS ABLE TO TOUCH HIM.
BOSS, WHO IS THIS?
BACK TO THE TASK AT HAND, HERE'S THE WORK I PROMISED YOU
PASH
ASSISTANT, EH?
THIS IS POLICE INVESTIGATOR YAMASHITA OF THE XXX POLICE WE'VE KNOWN EACH OTHER SINCE MIDDLE SCHOOL
HAJIME, THIS IS MY ASSISTANT AS OF LAST MONTH NAKAGAWA-KUN

Proof of physical evidence is a favorite of mine
THAT'S TRUE. I ALSO WANT YOU TO FIND THE WEAPON HE USED.
I'M SURE THAT'S NOT THE ONLY REASON...
IT'S A CASE INVOLVING THE INFAMOUS "FEMALE COLLEGE STUDENT SERIAL KILLER" SAITOU HIROSHI (AGE 45) THREE DAYS AGO HE ESCAPED PRISON AND HAS BEEN ON THE RUN SINCE THE POLICE HAVE BEEN SEARCHING NIGHT AND DAY FOR THEY GUY, BUT I THOUGHT YOU'D BE THE BEST MAN FOR THE JOB
"And quit eating lunch at your desk.
WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL? EVEN THAT ROOKIE COULD HANDLE THIS JOB. WELL, I WISH YA' THE BEST OF LUCK.
HE'S EVEN TOUCHING ANOTHER PERSON HIMSELF
YOU'RE QUICK, YOU'RE CHEAP AND YOU'RE RELIABLE
JEEZ. WHY DO YOU ALWAYS LEAVE ALL THE TOUGH STUFF TO ME!?
BOSS... I WAS WONDERING... WHY WERE YOU ALRIGHT WITH BEING TOUCHED BY YAMASHITA-SAN?
Leaving already?
I BET YOU'RE SURPRISED
BUT, THERE ARE LOADS OF THESE KINDS OF CASES.
Sigh
RIGHT.

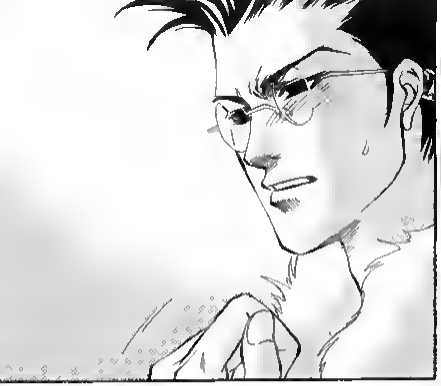
YOU MEAN HAJIME? HAHA. WE'VE BEEN FRIENDS FOR AGES

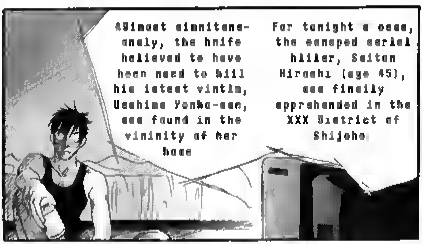
But already found the spy
YES SIR
NAKAGAWA-KUN, CONTACT HAJIME AND INFORM HIM OF OUR CURRENT LOCATION
ALL THAT'S LEFT IS THE ADDRESS AND THE WEAPON...
WAIT! BOSS!!
Hello? Yama-shita is-
YES, THIS IS THE MAIZURU DETECTIVE DEPARTMENT IS POLICE INVESTIGATOR YAMASHITA IN--
I'm getting food for the dog
SHOOSH
BU-BE-D
!

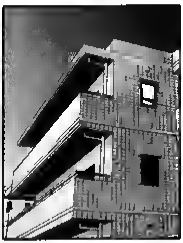
WHAT THE HELL YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING, JACKASS!?
CRASH
Grab
PLEASE EXCUSE HIM HE'S JUST DRUNK.
CHE!
spin...
I'M SORRY
!?
shove
WATCH WHERE YOU'RE GOING!
phew
!!

WHY DID YOU HAVE TO GO AND DO SOMETHING STUPID LIKE THAT?!
ARE YOU CRAZY!? YOU JUST THREW YOURSELF INFRONT OF THE PERP!
AND EVEN THOUGH I JUST RISKED MY LIFE TO HELP YOU, YOU STILL ACT LIKE YOU'RE SCARED OF ME!
WHY.
GRIP
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU MAY BE THINKING, BUT WE'RE PARTNERS, AREN'T WE?
NO.
THAT'S NOT
EVEN IF THAT'S HOW YOU FEEL, YOU CAN'T GO AROUND ACTING THIS WAY!
HE'S HEADED FOR THE XXX BAR. AND HE THREW THE WEAPON THAT HE USED TO KILL THE GIRL IN THE RIVER NEXT TO HER HOUSE.
WHAT!?
MOTOYA, DID YOU GET ANY-THING?
YOU'RE JUST THE ERRAND-BOY AROUND THE OFFICE
HAJIME!
YOU'RE WRONG
SO

I never knew you could be so selfish...
FLASH
WHAT!?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT!? WHEN DID YOU FIND ALL THAT OUT!?
BACK
DON'T
DON'T TOUCH ME!




Almost simultaneously, the knife believed to have been used to kill his latest victim, Uechima Yoshio-san, was found in the vicinity of her home
For tonight's news, the escaped serial killer, Saiton Hiroshi (age 45), was finally apprehended in the XXX District of Shijoho



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"WE'RE PARTNERS, AREN'T WE?"
I'M SUCH A FOOL
HE'D PROBABLY BE DOING BETTER OFF WITHOUT ME, AFTER ALL.
*Maizuru Detective Office
SIGH
WHAT DO I DO??
HE WAS SO ANGRY—

BUT I WONDER IF HE'D ACCEPT ME? OR
IF I EVER TOLD HIM ABOUT MY POWER, I'D BE ABLE TO EXPLAIN EVERYTHING ABOUT HOW THE CASES GET SOLVED AND CLEAR UP ALL THESE MISUNDERSTANDINGS...
I DON'T WANT TO LOSE HIM
I'LL APOLOGIZE TO HIM FIRST THING TOMORROW.
NAKAGAWA-KUN
MAYBE HE'LL QUIT...
SINCE THE FIRST TIME WE MET HE'S MADE ME FEEL AT EASE SINCE WE MET
I CAME TO LEARN FROM YOU.
PLEASE DON'T HIDE ANYTHING FROM ME. EVEN IF IT'S JUST A COLD, TELL ME SO THAT WE CAN LOOK AFTER YOU.
UNSUITABLE AS I WAS, I COULDN'T HELP BUT FALL FOR HIM.
I WANTED TO STAY BY HIS SIDE

MORNI NG
OH! G-GOOD-MORNING, NAKAGAWA-KUN!
CLICK
I WANTED TO APOLOGIZE ABOUT YESTERDAY
I'M REALLY SORRY. YOU SEE UH
IT HAD A LITTLE SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE CASE
UH
I'VE BEEN HIDING SOMETHING FROM YOU! THE TRUTH IS, I
I, UH
AH!
WHAT DO I DO!? HE'S STILL PISSED!
IT'S ALL RIGHT

brush
WAAH!
CLATTER
FLUTTER
FLUTTER
W-WHY ?
IT SEEMS IT WOULD BE BETTER FOR YOU IF I LEFT.
I SEE HOW IT IS.

YOU'RE WRONG!
WHAT!? NO!!
!
I'M QUITTING
I'M SORRY FOR EVERYTHING
NA-NAKAGAWA-KUN!?

WHEN I THINK ABOUT IT, KNOWING HE WAS RUNNING AWAY FROM ME WASN'T THE MOST PAINFUL THING I'VE HAD TO ENDURE
COULD I TELL HIM I LOVE HIM?...

NO. THAT'D NEVER WORK.
COULD I STAND TO STAY WITH HIM IF I COULDN'T TOUCH HIM?
DON'T TOUCH ME!
FEELING EACH OTHER
AND BEING TOUCHED BY HIM IN RETURN.
I'VE ALWAYS DREAMED OF TOUCHING HIM

5 Days Later
I'M THE WORST...
ding dong
ding dong
ding dong
ding dong
ding dong
ding dong
THE BOSS MUST BE WORKING AT THIS VERY MOMENT...
click
AND EATING HIS LUNCH
As usual.
WHAT'S ALL THE RACKET FOR, ASSHOLE!?
B-AM
Punch
thud

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
YOU KNOW, I'D ARREST YOU IF MOTOYA DIED BECAUSE OF YOU. DAMN BRAT
BO-- I MEAN, WHAT HAPPENED TO MAIZURU-SAN!?
WHY DON'T YA' GO TAKE A LOOK FOR YOURSELF?
IT'S WHAT ANY GOOD PARTNER WOULD DO, RIGHT?
blush
WHY DO I NEED YOU TELLING ME WHAT TO DO!? YOU'RE THE ONE HE WANTS ANYWAY!!

HE HATES ME! HE'S ALWAYS RUNNING AWAY FROM ME WHEN I TOUCH HIM OR AM NEAR HIM!!
THAT'S WHY I QUIT!
PAT PAT
PLEASE JUST LEAVE ME ALONE
LISTEN
THAT'S WHY...I CHOSE TO GIVE UP ON HIM!!

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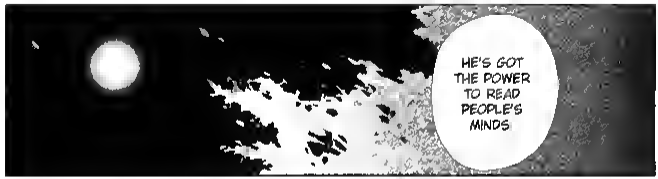
HE'S GOT THE POWER TO READ PEOPLE'S MINDS.

DO YOU KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS? IT MEANS HE CAN READ PEOPLE'S THOUGHTS WITH A SINGLE TOUCH.
AND... A LONG TIME AGO HE WAS IN LOVE WITH A GIRL. BUT SHE STABBED HIM IN THE BACK, SO HE REFUSES TO TOUCH ANYONE HE LOVES AGAIN.
IF MOTOYA'S POWER CREEPS YOU OUT, THAT'S ALL GOOD AND FINE. BUT...

YOU'RE THE FIRST PERSON MOTOYA'S CARED ABOUT FOR A LONG TIME NOW— YOU WOULDN'T ABANDON HIM WHEN HE NEEDS YOU MOST, WOULD YOU?
HUH?
DAMN!
BOSS!

BOSS?
CLICK
THE BEDROOM--!
Sorry for intruding
HE'S NOT HOME?
!
WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU? HAVE YOU BEEN EATING--
I KNOW YOU DON'T DRINK, EITHER, SO WHAT'S WITH ALL THE SAKE--
BOSS!!
NAKAGAWA KUN?
WHY.? OH

THIS MUST BE A DREAM
I'M SORRY. I'VE BEEN DECEIVING YOU ALL ALONG
THEN I WOULDN'T HAVE TO BE AFRAID OF TOUCHING YOU
TAP
I WISH I NEVER HAD THIS POWER...

I WANTED TO STAY WITH YOU...
SO DO I.
THAT WAY, IT WOULDN'T HURT SO MUCH TO LOVE.
...I WOULDN'T HAVE MADE YOU CRY
SO... PLEASE TOUCH ME

READ MY THOUGHTS
PLEASE DON'T RUN AWAY
Huh? What?
NAKAGAWA-KUN?
Huh?
crumple
BUT !
STOP--
Boss
NAKA-
LET- LET ME GO!
Mai sam-
I've been longing to touch you for so long now
NO! YOU'RE LYING! YOU CAN'T BE--

SHOULD I STOP?
NN!
I've wanted to touch you, alone...
NO... THERE'S NO WAY YOU COULD...
AH!
THE WAY HIS WORDS FLOW FROM HIM...
THAT DOESN'T MATTER TO ME.
BUT... WHY ME!?
I'M TOO OLD, AND WITH MY WIERD POWER...
I love you.
IT'S BURNING ME UP...
HOLD
.....

I'M GOING TO MELT!
NN!
NA... KAGA WA...
NO! PLEASE...
IMA
IMA
MPH!
IT'S SO HOT!
I'll never let you go
MAIZURU-SAN
AAH!
thrust
thrust
AH!
MMPH!

NN!
HAA...
HAA...!
STOKE
AH!
NAKAGAWA
STOKE
Mizuru-san...
PLEASE... FORGIVE ME!...
NNGH!

NN!

HEY-HEEEY!

SLAM

HOW'S IT GOIN', MOTOYA?

B-B-B-BUT, NAKAGAWA-KUN IS

WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING?

Good timing!

waaah!!

stomp stomp stomp

EH?

Why are you still running away!?

Uwaaah!

Have a nice day!

Hey, me!

HAVE FUN KIDS

Forget about work. I'm going home.

WICKED THOUGHTS

AAAH!

GRAB

IT'S OUR INTENSIVE TRAINING FOR HIM TO GET OVER HIS HAPHEPHOBIA.

Heyas, all!

This is Cirrus, just sayin' to keep it cool cuz yes, Shi-ran is closin' and yes, I handed over everything we had in a nice big zip to Nakama and they got total freedom to do whatever the hell they want with the stuff. Hell, I HOPE they do decide to mess with what's in there, and I have every bit 'o faith that they'll do a kickass job releasin' projects that Shi-ran never got around ta' finishin', as well as just releasin' series we just got sittin' around.

See, Cibo's graduatin', so she needs the time to find a job. Me? I'm headed to TP again fer the summer!! Arrool And after that, Japan for a year, so why would I want to leave all those files just collectin' dust on my comp? I say nay! I say let Nakama carry on the tradition 'o good quality. Ha! ~~~mm, sounds like an ad for laundry machines~~~ Oh well.

Enjoy!

And here's my guiltless plug: check out my website, cuz I plan on finally havin' the time to add more pics to it!: www.cirrusarts.com

Nakama <3.15's you!

Level up before you ask for Mai again!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY Kitten

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THE NAME'S MAIZURU MOTOYA (AGE 32). I OWN AND RUN A PRIVATE MAFIA-LIKE DETECTIVE BUSINESS.
Maizuru Detective Office
YOU-- KNOW I'VE STOPPED DOING THOSE THINGS YOU DON'T LIKE, BOSS
THOUGH HE STILL CROSSES THE LINE SOMETIMES
SHOCK!!
CLACK
RELAX. I'M NOT GOING TO TOUCH YOU OR ANYTHING.
THIS IS MY CAPABLE ASSISTANT, NAKAGAWA TOKI (AGE 25)
BUT THEN THERE'S ME, WITH MY STRANGE HAPHEPHOBIA* AND ANTHRO-POPHOBIA*.
WHEN SOMEONE TOUCHES ME I CAN READ THEIR THOUGHTS. HE'S THE SECOND PERSON TO ACCEPT MY READING ABILITY.

Man, it's hot in here.
MOTOYA!
AH, WHAT'S THIS? TAKING A BREAK?
YOOOOOO THERE!
SLAM!
PHFF!
THE FIRST PERSON WAS
THIS IS YAMASHITA HAJIME (AGE 32) MY GOOD FRIEND SINCE MIDDLE SCHOOL. HE'S THE ONLY ONE THAT CAN TOUCH ME WITHOUT FEAR
IT'S JUST MY FIGHTING SPIRIT!
Hahaha
YOU DON'T HAVE TO YELL, YOU KNOW!!
He's just a minor character so why does he get the spotlight?!
How many times do I have to tell you!!
AGAIN? THE ONLY WORK YOU EVER BRING IS FOR THE POLICE!
You're neglecting your duties
I'll leave it to you!
I'VE BROUGHT SOME WORK FOR YOU! ♡
That DOESN'T make me happy!
Yeah yeah... Look, I'll let you ride in my patrol car sometime.

OH! B-BE CAREFUL!
!
Hmm...
WELL THEN I'M GOING TO SEE A CLIENT WHO'S HAVING TROUBLE WITH A STALKER.
GOT IT
UNTIL THIS VERY D..Y, I'VE ONLY RUN AWAY FROM HIS TOUCH LIKE A COWARD...
EVEN THOUGH HE SAID HE LOVED ME... AND LETS ME RE..D INTO HIS HEART...
AFTER ALL THAT...

I'VE GOT TO CHANGE MY ATTITUDE
WHAT'S THIS?
YOU'RE ACTING LIKE A TOTAL VIRGIN! CHEER UP, FOR GOD'S SAKE
HAJIME!
WHAT? LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE LITTLE HANDY-MAN'S ALL GROWN UP
He's not my hubby-mate!
HAJIME!
AND HE'S BEEN ACTING LIKE A DOG IN HEAT ALL ALONG
OH IS THAT IT?
YOUR STILL WORRIED ABOUT THAT LITTLE "I CAN'T TOUCH THE ONE I LOVE" TRAUMA OF YOURS?
I PITY THE POOR GUY.
Get outta here!
WELL ...
HMPH.

?
Squeeeeh
I STILL HAVEN'T REACHED THE LEVEL OF YAMASHITA-SAN, AFTER ALL
IF I EVER DO, MAYBE I'LL BE ABLE TO TOUCH THE BOSS
slam!
!
swish
clack

LOOK, I'M BUYING SO LET'S HAVE DINNER OUT
SORRY, I GOT A BIT CAUGHT UP IN SOME-THING
THAT'S ALL RIGHT
WELCOME BACK NAKAGAWA. YOU'RE LATE
NAKAGAWA?
CLACK
OH—I SEE
I'm very sorry
GOOD-NIGHT
I'M SORRY
I ALWAYS HAVE YOU COOK, SO I THOUGHT WE COULD DO SOME-THING DIFFERENT FOR ONCE—
I'M BUSY TONIGHT SO I'LL BE LEAVING NOW
?

NAKAGAWA!?
WHAT ON EARTH HAPPENED TO YOU!?
WOAH!
MORNING
OH, I WAS STILL HALF-ASLEEP THIS MORNING WHEN I FELL OFF THE BED
You sound a bit sleepy!
SURE
IT LOOKS REALLY BAD MAYBE YOU SHOULD SEE A DOCTOR
OH!
!?
THAT'S ALL RIGHT
RIP
I'LL BE FINE SO PLEASE DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME
And where'd you disappear
JUST NOW
CHIRP

GRIP
HE MUST BE GETTING SICK OF MY POWER AFTER ALL
WAS HE TRYING TO AVOID ME?
BUT THE TRUTH WAS, I WAS ONLY DEPENDING ON MY SPECIAL GIFT TO FIGURE OUT THE CRIMES THAT MUST'VE BEEN THE ONLY THING THAT AMAZED HIM
IN THE BEGINNING, HE WAS THE ONE PINING AFTER ME THE "GREAT DETECTIVE"
I'm nothing but a loud-mouthed old man that can't even make breakfast
His own room
SLAM
He takes off his shirt without unbuttoning them
THE FOLLOWING DAY
HE MUST NOT HAVE WANTED ME TO READ HIS THOUGHTS BECAUSE HE THINKS I'M LAME!
MORNI N'
That's it!
Gotta cool down
I'M GOING TO DRIVE MYSELF NUTS LIKE THIS!
I GOTTA STOP THIS

Erm...
.....
NA...NAKAGAWA-KUN?
P-PUNG
TWITCH
BOSS
SORRY, BUT I'M NOT FEELING SO WELL TODAY. MIND IF I TAKE THE REST OF THE DAY OFF?
I KNOW HE'S HIDING SOMETHING FROM ME..
BEEP
NAKAGAWA-KUN...
OH!
PRRRRRR
STAND

Look at me! I'm becoming a stalker...
AND HE'S EVEN GOTTEN MORE BRUISES THAN BEFORE... HE MIGHT BE GETTING INVOLVED IN SOMETHING DANGEROUS
SOME-THING HE CAN'T TELL ME
WHO'S HE MEETING WITH?
?
!!

Who's she?
Sniffle
Nakaguwa-kun...
How could you!
!!
Oo-oh
SLAM
!?
WHAT'S WITH HER?
Move it!
Come in!
AND THEN, THE NEXT DAY
VROOOM

.....
CLACK
CLACK
NAKA-GAWA-KUN?
IS THERE SOMETHING WORRYING YOU?
NO EVERY-THING'S FINE
!
PPRRING
Work's already over

WHAT!? BUT YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS!
I BET IT'S THAT WOMAN FROM YESTERDAY
SHIVER
SHIVER
PLEASE EXCUSE ME
CLATTER
CLK
BOSS.
SOMETHING'S COME UP. I HAVE TO LEAVE NOW
GASP
WHAT ON EARTH--
NAKAGAWA-KUN!

I CAN READ NOT ONLY HUMANS, BUT ALSO OBJECTS THAT HAVE TRACES OF THE OWNER'S THOUGHTS LEFT ON THEM
EVEN NAKAGAWA-KUN DOESN'T KNOW THIS, BUT...
SORRY
GRAB
.....
!?
IT'S JUST AS I THOUGHT! THAT WOMAN'S A MENACE!
THIS CAN'T BE GOOD...

AND WHO TOLD YOU TO SPEAK?
Mmmph!
BASH
WHY'D YOU DRAG ME ALL THE WAY OUT HERE?
POW
PERHAPS I SHOULD CALL THEM RIGHT NOW AND TELL THEM I'VE FOUND YOU
WAIT!
Hmm
QUITTING THE FAMILY BUSINESS AND RUNNING AWAY? HOW DID YOU EVER THINK YOU COULD GET AWAY FROM US THAT EASILY?
YOU THINK YOU COULD LIVE YOUR OWN HAPPY LITTLE LIFE AND LEAVE US BEHIND!?

I'M SORRY.
SORRY?
BASH
YOU'RE SORRY!? SORRY'S NOT GOING TO CUT IT, YOU KNOW!
ABANDONING THE PROJECT BEFORE IT WAS COMPLETED! LEAVING YOUR POSITION BECAUSE YOU JUST "DIDN'T FEEL LIKE DOING IT"!! YOU LEFT ME IN CHARGE OF IT ALL!
biff
bam
YOU'VE CAUSED ME ENOUGH GRIEF!
STOP IT!
IF YOU DARE TOUCH NAKAGAWA-KUN AGAIN!... I SWEAR I'LL CALL THE POLICE!!
HUH?
HUH?

BOSS, GET AWAY
AND JUST WHAT DO YOU WANT WITH TOKI?
GRAB
NAKAGAWA-KUN! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
SHOVE
ANSWER ME, TOKI!!
PUNCH
WHA-
STOP IT THIS INSTANT! WHAT HAS HE EVER DONE TO YOU!?
PUNCH
STOP IT!!
AND IT MUST BE YOUR FAULT.
TOO MUCH TO MENTION.

POW
BE SILENT!
...!
JUST SO YOU KNOW...
BECOMING SO INFATUATED WITH YOU, TOKI SKIRTED HIS OWN DUTIES AND RAN AWAY, DUMPING EVERYTHING ONTO ME!
I DIDN'T THINK HE'D ACTUALLY RUN AWAY TO THIS PLACE, WHICH IS WHY IT TOOK SO LONG TO TRACK HIM DOWN...
BUT NOW THAT WE'VE FOUND HIM, YOU'RE THE ONLY THING THAT COULD KEEP HIM HERE.
!!
NO MATTER HOW MUCH I THREATENED HIM. NO MATTER HOW I MUCH I KNOCKED HIM AROUND... HE STILL WOULD NOT COME BACK. SO, I'VE COME HERE IN ORDER TO DRAG HIM HOME, KICKING AND SCREAMING. IT HAS COME TO THIS.
This is why I have to learn a martial art!
AND IF YOU DON'T WANT THINGS TO GET UGLY, YOU'D BEST GET YOUR HANDS OFF HIM RIGHT NOW.
swoosh
!

DON'T YOU DARE TOUCH THE BOS--MAIZURU-SAN!
IT'S ALL RIGHT.
I UNDERSTAND IT NOW, BECAUSE YOU'RE THE ONLY PERSON I CARE ABOUT.
THAT'S WHY I'VE NEVER BEEN ABLE TO TOUCH ANYONE BUT YOU.
THAT'S WHY I WANT TO STAY BY HIS SIDE FOREVER.
AND I'LL DO EVERYTHING IN MY POWER TO MAKE THAT HAPPEN
SWISH
!?
CLASP

YOU'RE NAKAGAWA-KUN'S SISTER!?
IT CAN'T BE...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING!?
SHOVE
W-WHAT ARE YOU--?
IT'S TRUE. IT'S ALL TRUE.
THEN, YOU MEAN...
HUH!? TH-THEN THAT MEANS...
YOU'RE THE SON OF THE NAKAGAWA GROUP PRESIDENT!?
It's embarrassing to talk about

They kill them just making up some kind of excuse and blackball them!
The Nakagawa Group is the largest chain of department stores in Japan!
SO YOUR COMPANY IS BEING RECONSTRUCTED!?
EVEN IF YOU HADN'T COME TO ME YOU WOULD'VE HAVE BEEN CHOSEN AS THE NEXT COMPANY PRESIDENT!
WAIT A MINUTE!
WHAT'S GOING ON!?
HOW DOES HE KNOW ALL THIS!? THIS IS ALL SECRET FAMILY BUSINESS!
NO—
BUT...YOU DIDN'T WANT THAT?
IT WAS PURELY CHANCE WHEN I STUMBLED UPON YOU BOSS I WAS JUST CURIOUS AS TO WHAT KIND OF PERSON YOU WERE
IT WAS JUST OUT OF CURIOSITY THAT I EVEN WENT TO THE INTERVIEW I WASN'T EVEN PLANNING ON STICKING AROUND FOR LONG...
I NEVER WANTED TO SUCCEED THE FAMILY BUSINESS
I DIDN'T WANT TO STAY IN SUCH A SUFFOCATING HOME BOUND TO THE WEIGHT OF MY PARENTAGE

I REALIZED I COULD NEVER LEAVE WITHOUT THIS MAN
I FELT GUILTY ABOUT LEAVING EVERYTHING TO MY SISTER TO TAKE CARE OF BUT
NAKA-GAWA-KUN...!
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU GOING ON ABOUT!?
WHAT
FORGIVE ME, SISTER.

DON'T GO THINKING YOU'RE ACTUALLY GOING TO GET AWAY WITH THIS.
AND IT WON'T BE ANY OF MY CONCERN IF SOMETHING HORRIBLE WERE TO HAPPEN TO YOUR "PRECIOUS" BOSS.
!!
TAKI-SAN
YOU REALLY ARE A GOOD DETECTIVE YOU EVEN LOOKED UP MY NAME AND EVERYTHING.
I'M NOT AS SLOW AS I LOOK
I TOLD YOU I'D FIGHT YOU WITH EVERYTHING I GOT REMEMBER?
I'll leave that up to you for interpret
I'LL LET YOU LEAVE IN ONE PIECE BEFORE ANY OF THIS GOSSIP LEAKS INTO SOCIETY.
RIGHT SUCH AS

STOP
HOW YOU'VE GAINED 2 KG IN THE LAST TWO DAYS. OR HOW YOU'RE A HUGE FAN OF GACKT AND MINIMON! .. OR ABOUT HOW YOU JUST BOUGHT YOURSELF A CASE OF #@$!#? OR THAT TIME IN KINDERGARTEN, WHEN YOU PEED YOUR PANTS DURING THE SCHOOL PLAY? YOU WERE SO TRAUMATIZED, YOU COULDN'T GO OUTSIDE FOR A WEEK
After that you hated pandas so much you ran away like a little girl at the sight of them!
oh-ho!
BUT WHO IS IT THAT YOU REALLY LOVE ?
WHY YOU! HOW COULD KNOW ALL THAT!?
OR HOW YOUR FIANCE IS THE FAT AND BALD COMPANY PRESIDENT OF THE HOKUBO GROUP?
HOW COULD HE KNOW THAT!? IT WAS JUST DECIDED TODAY!
GYA
DON'T!
NO...
SHOULD I TELL THEM?
hmh

YOU JUST REMEMBER, TOKI...
I swear I'll make your life a living hell...
Gulp
BUT IN RETURN
TURN
I GET IT, ALL RIGHT!?
I'LL LEAVE TOKI ALONE!
PHEW I ALWAYS WONDERED WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF I DID THAT ONCE
PLEASE FORGIVE ME BOSS. I DIDN'T MEAN TO GET YOU INVOLVED
BUT, I'M SO GLAD YOU DID. NOW I KNOW THAT YOU FEEL THAT SAME WAY I DO
YOU DIDN'T RUN AWAY. EVEN WHEN I TOUCHED YOU...
NAKAGAWA-KUN
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.

HEY...
WAIT!
WELL, I GUESS I'LL BE GOING NOW...
OH!
...!

?
JUST ONCE...
NOW...
I GOTTA CALM DOWN!
WHAT'S THE MATTER?
The boss is t-t-touching me!
That's not why he's blushing!
cradump
cradump
cradump
sound of his heart
Just once
I WANT YOU TO T-T-TAKE ME TONIGHT.
That's why it's just this nice
soul
NN...
MM!
...!

NAKA-GAWA-KUN...
creak
I'M TOO WEAK NOW, SO PLEASE TELL ME
MAIZURU-SAN...
KAA...
BERK
MAIZURU-SAN, TELL ME WHERE IT FEELS GOOD.
AAH!
SQUISH
AAH! NAKA- MMPH!
SKLIP
SUCK
NN!
Haa

creak
AAH!
HAA!
TELL ME.
creak
MM! AH!
shloop
MMPH!
AH!
creak
MAIZURU-SAN?
AAH!
SLAM

HOW CAN I?
I'D KNOW, EVEN IF I DIDN'T HAVE THIS STUPID POWER
You shouldn't waste your silence.
IT'S A SECRET
ALL RIGHT THEN, I'LL JUST LET YOUR BODY TELL ME
AAH...!
MMPH!
thrust
thrust
AAH...!
NAKA-GAWA--!
...!
AAAH!

MAIZURU DETECTIVE OFFICE
IT FEELS SORT OF STRANGE GOING TO MY OWN HOUSE FOR WORK.
CLACK
I'll wash these clothes and put them back.
MEOW?
Wawa
Wawa
Wawa

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From The Alabama Bitches

Where The Only Demons

Lurking In The Dark

Are

Incubai

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Maizuru Detective Agency
THE NAME'S MAIZURU MOTOYA AGE 32, AND I RUN MY OWN PRIVATE DETECTIVE AGENCY
MY MIND'S A LITTLE PREOCCUPIED WITH SOMETHING AT THE MOMENT
I GUESS THIS IS WHAT GAY LOVERS ARE SUPPOSED TO DO, BUT
It feels kinda strange...
IT'S THIS!
IT'S FROM MY PARTNER I MEAN—MY L-LOVER, NAKAGAWA TOKI-KUN (AGE 25) AND... HE GAVE IT TO ME
chadump
chadump
chadump
chadump
nudge
WITH JUST A SINGLE TOUCH, I HAVE THE POWER TO READ THE THOUGHTS AND EMOTIONS THAT RESIDE WITHIN THE OBJECTS THAT A PERSON HAS JUST TOUCHED. MY "READING ABILITY" IS BOTH A GIFT AND A CURSE.

MAIZURU-SAN I LOVE YOU SO MUCH
I BET HE'LL THINK I'M WEIRD
OH BOSS
Clash
I WONDER IF HE'LL LIKE IT?
WOW I LOVE HIM...
WELL IT'S DIFFERENT WITH HUMANS I CAN'T READ THEM IF THEY'RE NOT CONSCIOUS
NAKAGAWA-KUN KNOWS ABOUT MY ABILILTY, BUT
I HAVEN'T TOLD HIM YET THAT I CAN READ THOUGHTS THROUGH OBJECTS TOO.
Plop
Plop
NOT TO MENTION I'M STILL NOT OVER MY ANTHROPOPHOBIA* AND HAPHEPHOBIA*
nervous
nervous
nervous
BUT HOW CAN I READ FROM OBJECTS IF THEY'RE NOT EVEN ALIVE?
*FEAR OF HUMANS AND FEAR OF BEING TOUCHED
BETTER HIDE IT IN MY POCKET FOR NOW!
Wel-come back
clack
I'M HOME
SWIPE

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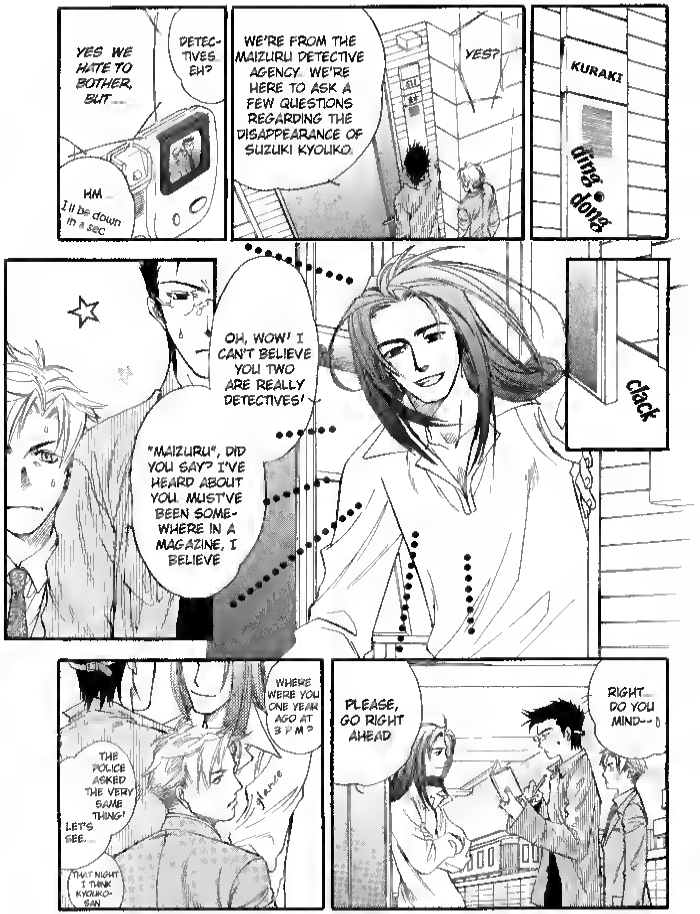
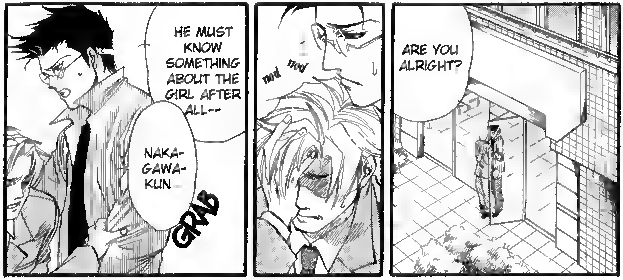
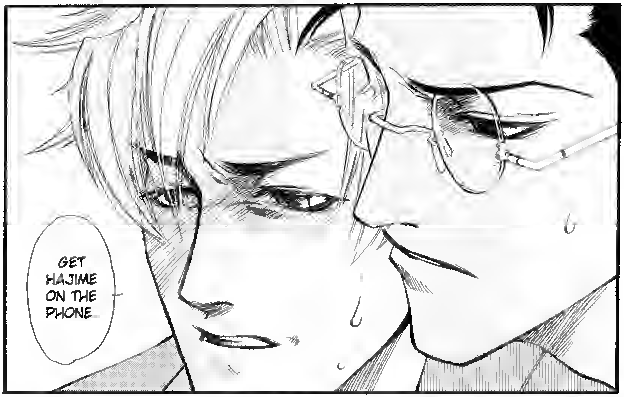
SO? THIS IS WHERE ALL THE CLUES LEAD?
Think about work!
Work!
THAT'S CORRECT. ACCORDING TO THE FAMILY WHO REQUESTED THE INVESTIGATION, THIS IS THE HOUSE OF THE LAST MAN SUZUKI KYOUKO WAS SEEN GOING OUT WITH.
THEY SAY SHE LEFT HOME TO SEE HIM A YEAR AGO, AND HAS BEEN MISSING EVER SINCE.
WELL, BEST TO TRY ASKING THE MAN IN QUESTION NOW.
I smell a rat.
RIGHT


YES WE HATE TO BOTHER, BUT...
DETECTIVES, EH?
HM... I'll be down in a sec
WE'RE FROM THE MAIZURU DETECTIVE AGENCY. WE'RE HERE TO ASK A FEW QUESTIONS REGARDING THE DISAPPEARANCE OF SUZUKI KYOUKO.
YES?
KURAKI
ding dong
clack
OH, WOW! I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU TWO ARE REALLY DETECTIVES!
"MAIZURU", DID YOU SAY? I'VE HEARD ABOUT YOU. MUST'VE BEEN SOMEWHERE IN A MAGAZINE, I BELIEVE
PLEASE, GO RIGHT AHEAD
RIGHT... DO YOU MIND--?
WHERE WERE YOU ONE YEAR AGO AT 3 P.M.?
THE POLICE ASKED THE VERY SAME THING!
LET'S SEE...
THAT NIGHT I THINK KYOUKO-SAN

I'VE BEEN SICK WITH GRIEF EVER SINCE KYOUKO-SAN DISAPPEARED.
SWOOD
AND YOU ARE MAIZURU-SAN I TAKE IT?
start
WOW, HIS HOUSE IS SO SMALL. It wouldn't be possible to hide her in there
I HOPE YOU FIND HER SOON
CLASH
Have a good night
WELL THEN
WE'LL BE ON OUR WAY NOW
HUH?
THANK YOU VERY FOR YOUR COOPERATION!
pull


HE MUST KNOW SOMETHING ABOUT THE GIRL AFTER ALL--
NAKAGAWA-KUN
GRAB
ARE YOU ALRIGHT?


GET HAJIME ON THE PHONE

WHAT ABOUT THE BODY? THE POLICE FILES HAVEN'T BROUGHT UP ANYTHING ABOUT A DEAD BODY THAT MATCHES THE DESCRIPTION WITHIN THE LAST YEAR.
SO YOU'RE CERTAIN THIS KURAKI FELLOW KILLED THE MISSING GIRL?
I'm heading back to HQ.
WITHOUT SOLID PROOF WE WON'T GET THE SUPPORT FOR A FULL-FLEDGED INVESTIGATION. TRY FINDING SOMETHING TO BACK UP YOUR STORY
YES, I'LL TRY TO FIND OUT SOMETHING MORE
THIS IS YAMASHITA HAJIME, AGE 32. HE'S BEEN MY BEST FRIEND SINCE MIDDLE SCHOOL, AND HE WAS ALSO THE FIRST PERSON TO FIND OUT ABOUT MY "STRANGE POWER". HE ALSO HAPPENS TO WORK IN THE POLICE BUSINESS
I'M SORRY THAT'S AS MUCH AS I WAS ABLE TO READ
DON'T FORGET YOU GUYS ARE STILL CITIZENS, SO DON'T GO DOING ANYTHING STUPID!
WE WON'T
DON'T WORRY.
Smile
Sorry for keeping you so busy

YEAH, I'M LISTENING! I'LL LOOK INTO THE KURAKI CASE MYSELF!
God damn you're loud!
HE'S ALWAYS BEEN THAT KIND OF GUY! HE...HEY! HEY! ARE YOU EVEN LISTENING!? NAKAGAWA!! YOU DAMN PUNK!
NOW SEE HERE! MOTOYA ALREADY TOLD YOU, BUT DO SOMETHING IF YOU HAVE THE TIME!!
I'VE DEALT WITH PLENTY OF MURDERS WITH THE BOSS, SO I CAN
I'LL BE FINE
THAT'S IT. HE MUST'VE GONE AHEAD!
HEY! NAKAGAWA!
WHAT'S GOING ON!? HEY!!
PROBABLY
HE WENT OUT TO INVESTIGATE ANOTHER CLIENT'S CASE...
THAT TRUE?
AND JUST WHERE THE HELL IS MOTOYA NOW!?

CLK
CLK
I DON'T KNOW IF THOSE MEMORIES ARE LEFTOVER FROM A YEAR AGO, BUT...
I SHOULD TOUCH SOMETHING FROM INSIDE KURAKI'S HOUSE TO MAKE SURE
KURAKI !!
OH! IT'S YOU!
YES...
DID YOU STILL HAVE SOMETHING TO ASK ME?
KYOUKO-SAN WAS SAID TO BE LAST SEEN IN THIS VICINITY JUST BEFORE HER DISAPPEARANCE. SO I'D LIKE TO RUN A THOROUGH SEARCH.
I DON'T MIND THE POLICE CAME SNOOPING AROUND HERE A YEAR AGO, TOO.
NO MATTER. PLEASE, COME RIGHT IN. IF IT HAS TO DO WITH KYOUKO-SAN I'D BE GLAD TO TELL YOU EVERYTHING I KNOW.

awiah
PERHAPS I COULD MAKE YOU A CUP OF COFFEE OR SOMETHING?
KURAKI
N-NO, THAT'S QUITE ALRIGHT I'VE STILL GOT SOME WORK TO DO.
Please excuse me.
WELL, ANYWAY
DAMMIT! THAT WAS MY CHANCE TO READ MORE OF HIS THOUGHTS!
But I freaked!
SFX GRAB

SFX: CRASH
I THOUGHT SO.
!!

LOOKS LIKE I'VE BEEN FOUND OUT.
THUNK
NAKAGAWA-KUN...
Phut
DAMN IT ALL!
I THOUGHT HE'D BE HERE, BUT I SHOULD'VE KNOWN HIS STUBBORNESS WOULD GET THE BEST OF HIM...
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HEY!
WHAT THE HELL DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING HANGING AROUND THE SUSPECT'S HOUSE!?
BECAUSE I'M KURAKI'S OLDER BROTHER.
YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE LET YOUR GUARD DOWN LIKE THAT, YOU KNOW.
LOOK, KID! QUIT JOKING AROUND --
I'm not hearing any jokes, Sano.
MORE IMPORTANTLY, KURAKI'S KIDNAPPED THE BOSS
AND JUST WHAT MAKES YOU SO SURE?
PERHAPS...
THIS WILL CONVINCE YOU
KLONK

THAT @#$%!
Shit
THE REFRIG-ERATOR?
FIRST OFF...
I'LL GO LOOK FOR KURAKI'S WHERE-ABOUTS.
Good luck handling the rest.
WHAT?
H-HEY! WAIT A MINUTE!
HOLD IT!
QUIT RUSHING OFF WITHOUT ME!!
I swear to GOD.

WHERE AM I...? LA HOTEL ...?
OWN
OH-NO... HE'S GOT ME
At least I'm still alive.
STRAIN

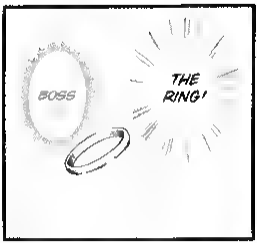
NO! STOP IT! CLASH
NO!
I DON'T WANT TO DIE!
A COOLER ...?
I KNEW THE ICE WOULDN'T BE ENOUGH
THE HOTEL'S REFRIGERATORS JUST AREN'T THAT RELIABLE
WHAT A PAIN
KNOCK
WAS THAT ...?
AH, YOU'RE AWAKE.
!!

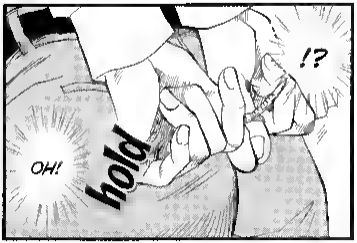
BECAUSE OF YOU, I HAD TO CHANGE ALL MY PLANS
HSSH
AREN'T YOU THE LITTLE TROUBLE-MAKER
IF KYOUKO STARTED TO ROT, YOU'D HAVE TO TAKE RESPON-SIBILITY

YOU
drip
IT HURTS
squeeze
PLUS, I HAD TO LEAVE BEHIND HER RIGHT FOOT.
TAKE A LOOK AT THIS IT'S BEEN A WHOLE YEAR, AND SHE HASN'T CHANGED AT ALL
ISN'T SHE BEAUTIFUL? SHE'S GOT TO BE THE MOST BEAUTIFUL GIRL I'VE EVER DATED. HER HANDS AND FEET AND BODY EVERYTHING ABOUT HER WAS BEAUTIFUL
OH NO! I'M CATCHING HER THOUGHTS...!
AH
NOT MY HAND!
BUT EVEN WHEN I WANTED HER TO BE HERE WITH ME FOREVER
GRIP
I DON'T WANT TO DIE
SMASH
THE FUCKING BITCH HAD TO SAY SHE WANTED TO BREAK UP WITH ME!!

I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU FOUND OUT, BUT
!!
I'LL CHOP YOU UP INTO LITTLE BITS SOON. JUST LIKE HER.

DON'T BE FRIGHTENED IT WON'T HURT FOR LONG.
AH! NO!
LET ME GO ...!
STAND UP. WE CAN'T HAVE THE HOTEL YELLING AT ME FOR MAKING A MESS IN THIS ROOM
GRAB
SHIVER
SHIVER
NO...
GRAB
grab
grab
glitter


BOSS
THE RING!


!?
OH!
hold

SFX SHOVE
NAKAGAWA-KUN! IF ONLY I COULD SEE YOU, ONE LAST TIME
I LOVE YOU
MAIZURU-SAN
shwoop
GODDAMN, YOU'RE STARTING TO GET ON MY NERVES!
QUIT STRUGGLING! IT'LL BE HARD TO CUT YOU WITH YOUR CLOTHES ON
No way I'm dying NUDE!
rip
rip
NO!

SFX: CRACK
clack
click
CLANG
WHAT THE ...?

GET THE FUCK AWAY FROM MAIZURU-SAN.
GRIK
AAAAH!
Damn you!
swoop
Click
Two of them
What's dramatic entrance
JUST TRY TO MOVE I DARE YA!

I'm going to have to touch you to untie the ropes
BOSS! YOU AL-RIGHT!?
Sorry we were late!
OOH...
There's a spic ner.
H-HOW DID YOU FIND ME!?
WAAH
NAKAGAWA-KUN
BO-
BOSS!?
EEEEK!
BOSS!!
soul

SHIVER
HUH? . . MY ROOM?
GET UP
HELP ME
NO!
YOU'RE SAFE NOW
THAT GUY'S GONE
NAKAGA-WA-KUN

I LOOKED UP THE DATA ON KURAKI'S CARD, AND
HOW DID YOU KNOW WHERE TO FIND ME?
!...
AND ?
UH— IT'S A SECRET.
but Yamashita-san knows
AND THEN I FOUND OUT THAT HE WENT TO MY FAMILY'S HOTELS A LOT
OH, YOU MEAN THE NAKAGAWA GROUP CHAIN?
YOU OWE ME?
UH ..!
Y-YES. I ASKED FOR MY SISTER'S HELP.
OH
IT'S A SECRET.
B-B-BUT, THEN ..?
I REALLY CAN'T TELL YOU
At the hotel
AND THEN I CHECKED THE REGISTER OF NAMES FOR ALL THE HOTELS IN THE COUNTRY
And I got the room's key while I was at it.

NO PROBLEM. YOU MUST BE EXHAUSTED HERE, REST
THANKS
SORRY FOR ONE THING.
OH! I ALMOST FORGOT!
THANKS FOR THIS, TOO
IT WAS JUST FOR FUN.
O-OH! THAT'S NOTHING
YOU KNOW, WHEN I WAS KIDNAPPED BY KURAKI, I WAS SCARED STIFF
BUT THANKS TO THIS RING I WAS ABLE TO COME BACK TO MY SENSES.
?

gasp!
I WAS TOO NERVOUS BEFORE I COULDN'T TOUCH YOU, BUT NOW...
My God
You can't be serious
It's a little embarrassing to say, though
I COULD SENSE YOUR FEELINGS IN THIS RING. IT WAS SO REASSURING.
YOU CAN READ OBJECTS, TOO, CAN'T YOU
Jeez, this is awkward
THAT'S NOT IMPORTANT NOW. HURRY UP AND GET TO SLEEP OR YOU'LL SLEEP IN LATE AGAIN TOMORROW.
Er
I--! I'M SO SORRY!
You see
?
HE'S NOT UPSET.

!?... MA--
hug

MAIZURU-SAN?
WHEN I WEAR THIS RING...
I... ERR I FEEL LIKE YOU'RE TOUCHING ME I WAS TOO NERVOUS BEFORE...
BUT NOW... I'LL ALWAYS WEAR IT
MAIZURU-SAN...
WARM
BUT...
I REALLY THOUGHT I WAS GOING TO GO HOME TONIGHT!
You know!
BRUSH
BRUSH
I WANT TO BE WITH YOU
YOU HAVE NO IDEA NOW HAPPY IT MAKES ME TO HEAR THAT.

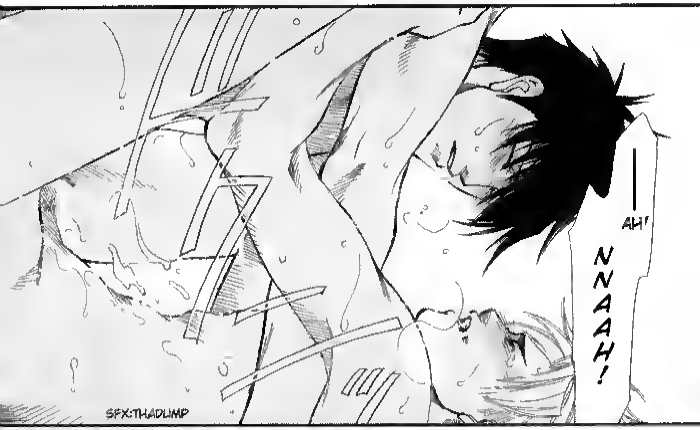
YES, I DO.
kiss
kiss
slurp
GASP
...NN!
MAIZURU-SAN...
NAKA-GAWA-KUN...
I LOVE YOU...

CAN I PUT YOUR RING ON FOR YOU?
THANK GOOD-NESS A PERFECT FIT
NN!
AH...
slip
slip
AH!
slip
HAA
NAKA ...
AAH!
NN!
...!
splish
splish
splish
haa

ALRIGHT...
...NN!
QUIVER
PLEASE ...DO IT NOW...
hah
hah
AH!
HAA!
thrust
thrust
HAA!
MAIZURU-SAN...
MM!

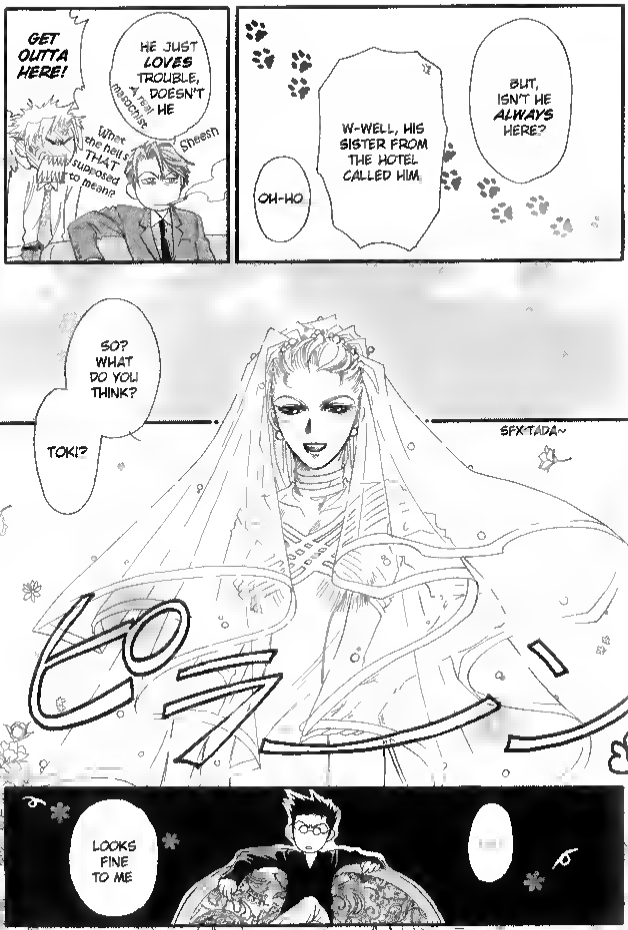
I MIGHT BE AS GREEDY AND MERCILESS A PERSON AS KURAKI-SAN, WHEN IT COMES TO LOVING SOMEONE.

YOU KNOW THAT RING... IS TO BIND YOU TO ME FOREVER.



I'M THE ONE THAT CAPTURED YOU
THEN NEVER LET ME GO AND STAY WITH ME FOREVER.
OF COURSE I WON'T LET YOU GO
THEN PROVE IT TO ME

WAAH!
Sip?
thudump
thudump
thudump
MAIZURU DETECTIVE AGENCY
I'LL BE OKAY IF I CAN JUST LEAVE THE RING ON LONG ENOUGH.
B-B-B BUT!
HOW LONG ARE YOU GOING TO KEEP THAT UP?
How indecent
AAAH!
SPEAKING OF WHICH, WHAT EVER HAPPENED TO YOUR DOG? EVEN WITHOUT ESP, THE GUY ALWAYS SEEMS TO KNOW WHERE HIS MASTER IS
IF YOU DON'T TRY SETTING HIM STRAIGHT, HE MIGHT END UP MESSING UP THE BUSINESS
Like he did with his family
HUFF
HE'S TAKING THE DAY OFF
I MEAN, HE'S RESTING AT HOME


GET OUTTA HERE!
HE JUST LOVES TROUBLE, DOESN'T HE
masochist
Sheesh
What the hell's THAT supposed to mean?
OH-HO
W-WELL, HIS SISTER FROM THE HOTEL CALLED HIM.
BUT, ISN'T HE ALWAYS HERE?
SO? WHAT DO YOU THINK?
TOKI?
SFX:TADA~
LOOKS FINE TO ME

BECAUSE OF THAT, THE GROOM'S STILL TOO BUSY TRYING TO CATCH UP ON THE FAMILY BUSINESS!
IT'S BECAUSE YOU ABANDONED YOUR FAMILY! OR DID YOU FORGET?
WHY ON EARTH AM I EVEN HERE, MIGHT I ASK? LIKE IT EVEN MATTERS IF I SEE YOUR DRESS OR NOT.
IF YOU DON'T WATCH YOUR MOUTH, I'M DRAGGING YOU HOME WITH ME GOT IT?
TO BE HONEST, I KNEW THERE'D BE TOO MUCH HASSLE GOING WITH YOU.
OF COURSE I WANTED HIM TO COME INSTEAD!
Hmph!
LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE THE ONE RUNNING THE SHOW HERE THROWING OUT YOUR OLD FIANCÉ TO MARRY YOUR ATTENDANT INSTEAD!
Meanwhile, the Boss...
Aaaah!
I JUST WANNA GO HOME
Help me Boss
ALRIGHT THEN! BRING OUT THE NEXT DRESS! COME ON, TOKI, WHAT DO YOU THINK?
I'LL DO ANYTHING FOR YOU, PRINCESS!
Don't forget who you're addressing
is allergic to cats
meow!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FUU-CHAN

MAY YOU ALWAYS HOLD HAPPINESS IN THE PALM OF YOUR HANDS...

LOVE, YOUR NAKAMA SISTAHS

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Variety
the spice of life

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MAIZURU
DETECTIVE AGENCY
BRANCH ONE
THERE WAS ONCE A HOT SPRING INN
travelling
goo
ng

IF YOU'RE WONDERING HOW THE TWO OF US ENDED UP THERE...
MAIZURU DETECTIVE AGENCY
NAKAGAWA-KUN, WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE COUNTRY?
COUNTRY?
YEAH... AMERICA? ENGLAND?
OH, I SEE. HMM... I'VE BEEN TO FRANCE AND ITALY PLENTY OF TIMES, BUT...
I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO TRAVEL TO THE GALAPAGOS ISLANDS AT LEAST ONCE
HMM.
I'd like to try touching an Ocean Iguana. I hear their mouths are blue.
OKAY THEN, LET'S GO THERE
HUH?

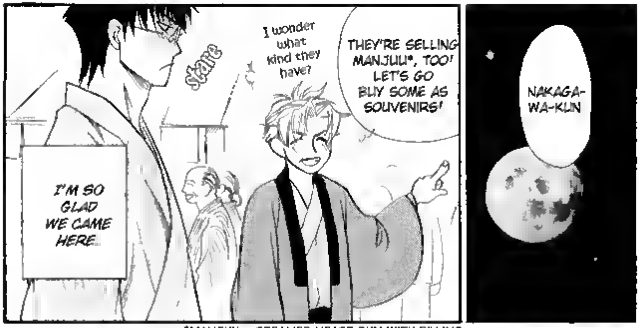
WHAT FOR?
A BUSINESS TRIP
OR a pleasure trip, I guess
WHA-
CLATTER
shake
shake
shake
WHAT THE HELL KIND OF BUSINESS GETS TO HAVE RANDOM-ASS BUSINESS TRIPS TO THE FREAKIN' GALAPAGOS ISLANDS, FOR CRYING OUT LOUD!!
IT WAS JUST A DREAM OF MINE!
HOW THE HELL CAN YOU JUST DECIDE SOMETHING LIKE THAT!? YOU'VE GOTTA HAVE MORE COMMON SENSE THAN THAT!

Up we go
WELL, I DIDN'T REALLY HAVE ANYWHERE IN MIND THAT I WANTED TO GO, SO
CREAK
AND JUST WHERE WILL YOU GET THE MONEY FOR THIS?
HUH?
B-B-B-BUT!
WAAAAH!
I GOT IT!
EVER SINCE YOU STARTED WORKING HERE A YEAR AGO, IT'S ONLY BEEN WORK WORK WORK! WE HARDLY HAVE ANY TIME OFF, AND I DON'T HAVE ANY REAL HOBBIES. SO I'M STARTING TO FEEL KIND OF AIMLESS!
Coward that runs away honorently until things settle down.
Even so...
IF YOU'VE BEEN SAVING UP ALL THIS MONEY YOU COULD'VE BOUGHT YOUR OWN APARTMENT WITH A BUILT-IN JACUZZI!
BOSS! LET'S GO TO A HOT SPRING!

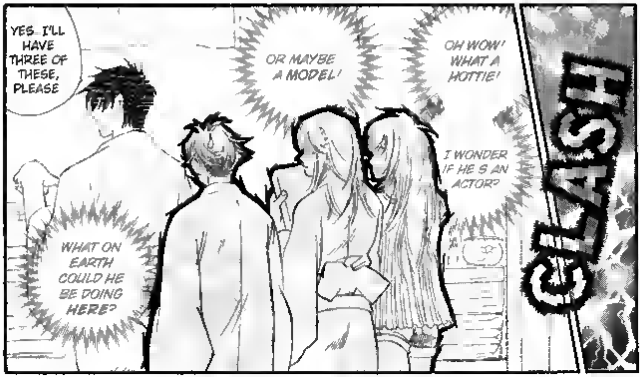
LET'S GO TO THE SPRING! THEY'VE ALSO GOT AN OUTDOOR BATH!
First experience with a hot spring
SURE!
I GUESS IT CAN'T BE ALL THAT BAD.
Nido
NAKAGAWA-KUN!!
Wow! There's a river!
AND THUS WE ENDED UP IN OUR CURRENT SITUATION.
Chup

THIS IS TRULY... PARADISE! ♡

ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE HAPPY COMING TO A PLACE LIKE THIS?
Come up on the rocks !
IT'S SO NICE AND QUIET, ISN'T IT?
YES, IT'S MORE THAN ENOUGH.
Arrrgh them!
LET'S COME BACK HERE EVERY YEAR!
Even during the off-season
SOUNDS WONDER-FUL. ♡


I'M SO GLAD WE CAME HERE
stare
I wonder what kind they have?
THEY'RE SELLING MANJUU*, TOO! LET'S GO BUY SOME AS SOUVENIRS!
NAKAGA-WA-KUN

*MANJUU = STEAMED YEAST BUN WITH FILLING


YES. I'LL HAVE THREE OF THESE, PLEASE
OR MAYBE A MODEL!
OH WOW! WHAT A HOTTIE!
I WONDER IF HE'S AN ACTOR?
WHAT ON EARTH COULD HE BE DOING HERE?
GLASH

WHAT'S THAT DAMN OLD MAN DOING HERE!?
HE MUST BE SOME OLD SALARYMAN! UGH! HE'S JUST GETTING IN THE WAY!
Anything else you'd like, Boss?
No, I'm alright.
IT CAN STILL BE A CURSE TO BE TOUCHED BY PEOPLE
THEY MUST BE TALKING ABOUT NAKAGAWA-KUN
But there are two of us
I WONDER IF HE HAS A GIRLFRIEND?
OOH HE'S SO TALL!
GULP
GULP
SCOWL
SCOWL
ER...IT'S NOTHING. Just some bad vibes
WHAT'S THE MATTER? WHY'D YOU RUN OFF LIKE THAT ALL OF A SUDDEN?
MAYBE HE GOT TIRED OF ALL THE PEOPLE AROUND I GUESS HE MUST BE AN INDOORS KIND OF GUY
MAYBE A WALK WILL CHEER HIM UP
WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH HIM?...HE HASN'T SAID A WORD.
!

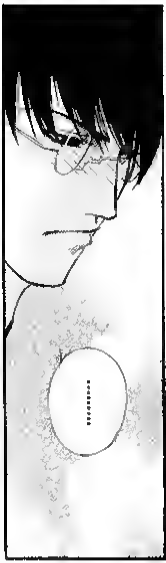
WOW!
HEY, BOSS, TAKE A LOOK! THE FIREFLIES ARE OUT TONIGHT.
IT'S BEAUTIFUL
BOSS, LOOK! THERE ARE A LOT OVER THERE!
THIS IS AMAZING! I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE IT!

THEIR LIGHT, I MEAN...
I'VE NEVER SEEN SO MANY BEFORE
BOSS-- I MEAN, MAIZURU-SAN?
...
squeeze
hold

WHAT DO YOU MEAN--
I MEANT... IT'S NOTHING

I'M SORRY... FOR MAKING YOU WORRY.

THANKS.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I LOVE YOU, TOO.
I'LL REALLY NEVER UNDER-STAND HIM.
SO IT'S TRUE.

I'M SORRY FOR CAUSING YOU SO MUCH GRIEF.
HUG
MM!
slurp

SHUDDER
SHUDDER
NA KAGA...
AAH!
AAH!
MAIZURU-SAN...I CAN'T HOLD BACK ANY LONGER.
IT'S ALRIGHT.
I'LL ALWAYS BE ALRIGHT AS LONG AS IT'S WITH YOU.

MAIZURU-SAN...
!?
GRAB
IT FEELS SO GOOD
AH...! NAKA GA...
THRUST
RUB
NN!
THRUST
MM!
THRUST
RUB
NN!
THRUST
AAH!
THRUST
AH!
THRUST

AAH! PLEASE
I'M GOING TO
NN!
AH!
AAH!
NAKA-GAWA
MAIZURU-SAN

SLAM
HOW'S REALLY BEEN PILING UP, YOU KNOW!
MOTOYA! HOPE YOU'RE FEELIN' BETTER AFTER THAT NICE, LONG VACATION!
yo!
MAIZURU DETECTIVE AGENCY
THE HOT SPRING WAS SO NICE! RIGHT, NAKAGAWA-KUUN? ♡
LET'S TRAVEL FOR WINTER BREAK TOO
RIGHT? ♡
plop
OH, HAJIME. HERE'S A PRESENT.
Just forget about him...
HEY! I JUST SAVE YOU THAT MANJUU, YOU UN-GRATE-FUL JERK!
SLAM
IF YOU TWO EVER TRY PULLING THIS CUTESY BULLCRAP THE NEXT TIME I COME IN HERE, YOU MIGHT JUST FIND THE MORNING NEWSPAPER'S HEADLINES READING: "POLICE INSPECTOR SUDDENLY GOES BERSERK OPENING GUNFIRE AT RANDOM"!!
CATCH MY DRIFT!?
And god can't there'll be two new names on the list of victims!
NOW JUST WAIT A MINUTE..
YOU CROSS A POLICE AND YOU'RE GONNA PAY!
BOOM
GRR
MAN JUU
I'LL SPLIT MINE WITH YOU
REALLY? ♡
I'LL BE OUR SNACK
YAAY! ♡

The Amorous Spell/END

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MY NAME IS MAIZURU MOTOYA (AGE 32). A PRIVATE DETECTIVE I RUN A PRIVATE MAFIA LIKE DETECTIVE BUSINESS
BOSS, THE TEA'S READY ♡
MAIZURU DETECTIVE AGENCY

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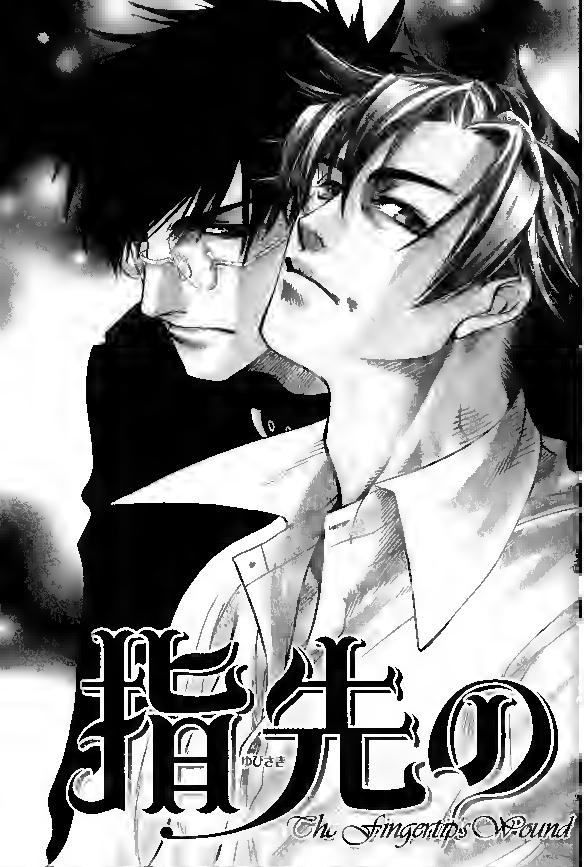
The Fingertips Wound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The fingertips Wound

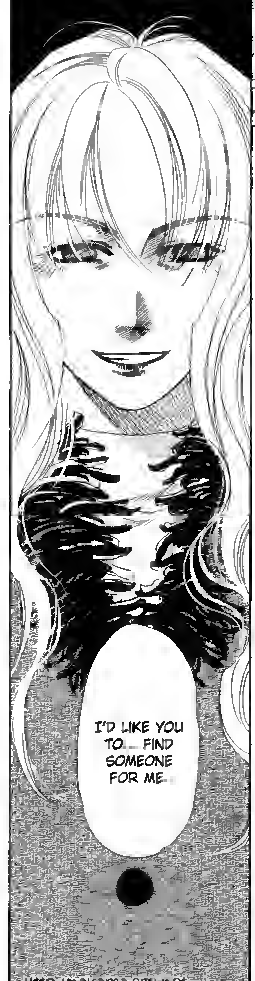
BOSS!!

HEY
Hmm~
Nngh...
HEY!
Kiss
Kiss
slip
slip
slip
PUMP
PUMP
Mm?
HEY, MOTOYA! I'M TALKIN' TO YOU!!

B-B-BUT, NAKAGAWA-KUN...
THE NAME'S YAMASHITA HAJIME (32 YEARS OLD FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO WERE WONDERING) AND THIS IS MY FRIEND SINCE JUNIOR HIGH. HE'S A DETECTIVE NOW.
YOU'D BETTER HAVE A GOOD EXPLANATION!!
PULL YOURSELF TOGETHER FOR ONCE! THIS IS THE THIRD DAY YOU'VE BEEN LOUNGING AROUND MY HOUSE LIKE YOU LIVE HERE!!
DON'T THINK YOU'RE GOING TO GET ME INVOLVED IN YOUR PETTY LITTLE FIGHT!
and quit playing with my kids!
YOU'RE DEAD.
MOTOYA, I SWEAR TO GOD IF YOU'RE STILL HERE BY THE TIME I GET BACK—
Have a good day!
Oh...
Hajime~ You've got a call from work~
SHIT.

LOVE!
I HAVE A STRANGE POWER
VROOOM
MIDORI-SAN! YOU'VE GOT ONE MINUTE LEFT BEFORE KARIN-CHAN HAS TO BE CHANGED
OH!
CLASH
JUST BY TOUCHING PEOPLE AND OBJECTS, I CAN READ THEIR THOUGHTS AND SEE THEIR PAST. IT'S MY "READING" POWER.
MOST OF THE TIME IT HAPPENS WITHOUT MY CONSENT AND IT'LL SHOW ME THINGS I DIDN'T WANT TO SEE...
*FEAR OF HUMANS AND FEAR OF BEING TOUCHED
AS A RESULT, I HAVE ANTHROPHOBIA* AND HAPHEPHOBIA*
BECAUSE YOU CAN'T TELL MIDORI-SAN YET
I don't get it! Why does Motoya-san always know when I have to go pee-pee?
chadump
chadump
chadump
CLASH
THANK YOU!♡ WILL YOU CHECK ON REMON FOR ME, TOO?

Are you gonna live with us?
I...
HAJIME AND NAKAGAWA-KUN ARE THE ONLY ONES WHO KNOW ABOUT MY ABILITY, BUT...
It's not so bad with kids
I'M AFRAID OF NAKAGAWA-KUN
HAJIRU DETECTIVE AGENCY



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STEALTHY
look
look
Hack
PHEW HE ALREADY WENT HOME
OH
DAMMIT
I need to talk to you. Please don't run away anymore. Nakagawa
MAIZURU DETECTIVE AGENCY
TO LIVE TOGETHER
WITH THE ONE YOU LOVE
Flick
WITH THE ONE YOU CARE FOR

I THOUGHT IT'D BE WONDERFUL... FUN... MAYBE EVEN A LITTLE EMBARRASSING.
SHIVER
I CAN'T DO THIS ANYMORE NAKAGAWA-KUN.
HOWEVER, I CAN ONLY THINK ABOUT HOW "SCARY" IT IS

I COULD NEVER BEAR TO BE...
BETRAYED AGAIN LIKE I WAS WITH THAT WOMAN.

You're here!

GOOD MORNING
Early as usual
HE SAID HE WANTED TO TALK
HEY, BOSS!
YOU FINALLY CAME BACK! ♡
Gh
SORRY FOR LEAVING ALL THE WORK TO YOU THESE LAST FEW DAYS
EVEN THOUGH WE COULDN'T LIVE TOGETHER
NO PROB
AND FOR RUNNING OUT OF HERE SO SUDDENLY
I KNEW YOU PROBABLY WOULDN'T BE UP FOR TALKING ABOUT THAT, BUT I KEPT BRINGING IT UP
Ehe up
I'M THE ONE WHO SHOULD APOLOGIZE

YOU SAID THAT Y-YOU WANTED US TO LIVE TOGETHER.
munch
munch
IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE ANYTIME SOON.
I—
I MAY NOT KNOW EXACTLY WHAT HAPPENED IN YOUR PAST
BUT, YOU'RE ALREADY OVER YOUR TRAUMA ABOUT NOT BEING ABLE TO TOUCH THE PEOPLE YOU LOVE, RIGHT?
Y yeah
BUT...
BESIDES—
YOU KNOW I COULD NEVER LIVE WITHOUT YOU.
Woah!
NAKAGAWA-KUN—

Please don't run away.
You've got some mud on your face
I'LL ALWAYS WAIT FOR YOU, SO...
SFX: THUMP

I WANT YOU TO FIND THIS MAN
HE'S VERY WELL KNOWN
PLEASE FIND HIM
HURRY UP!
SHOVE
THUMP
I CAN'T ACCEPT YOUR OFFER
Ow~~ WHAT GIVES, BOSS?
That was harsh!

WHY... WHAT ARE YOU DOING WITH THAT WOMAN !?
WOMAN?
?
THE ONE WHO CAME IN HERE YESTERDAY, ASKING FOR A SEARCH!
I love you Mariya
Marry me!

WHAT DOES IT MATTER!? JUST DON'T ASSOCIATE WITH HER!
WHY THAT WOMAN?

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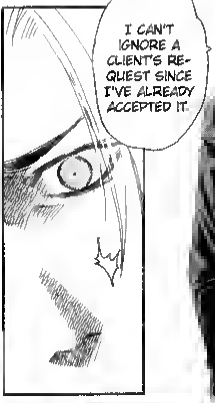

PLEASE...
STAY AWAY FROM HER
...
SMACK
THERE'S SOMETHING I DON'T UNDERSTAND
!!
It's my job.

SLAM
MAIZURU-SAN
WHAT!?
MOTOYA'S OLD GIRL-FRIEND!? HOW COULD YOU!?

MUNCH
YOU'D BETTER REALIZE THAT SOON, OR ELSE
WHAT KIND OF WOMAN? SHE WAS THE DEVIL, HERSELF!
Aren't you cold?
WHAT KIND OF WOMAN WAS SHE?
IT MUST'VE BEEN WHEN WE WERE IN HIGH-SCHOOL, NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT. EVEN THEN, MOTOYA WAS A BIT OF A FLAKE. THAT GIRL... SHE WAS ACTIVE IN SCHOOL, BUT SUPERFICIAL. THERE WERE DIFFICULTIES BETWEEN THEM FROM THE START.
BUT MOTOYA WAS LOST IN HIS PUPPY-LOVE
He was a bit shallow
Damn cool
THEY WERE ALWAYS TOGETHER UNTIL JUST BEFORE THE WEDDING
HUH?
UNTIL THEY HAD A KID.

!!
IT WAS AROUND THAT TIME, THAT WE WERE HIT BY A CAR.
THEN WHAT WAS SO TRAUMATIC ABOUT THAT!?
I'm never dreaming you out again!
HE TALKED ABOUT IT SO MUCH, EVEN I COULDN'T STAND IT AFTER A WHILE.
DON'T GET ME WRONG. MOTOYA WAS THRILLED!
pana
THE DRIVER WAS A MAN DRIVEN MAD WITH JEALOUSY FOR HER. HE WANTED TO TAKE MOTOYA OUT OF THE PICTURE
MOTOYA DIED ONCE
I GUESS I DIDN'T REALIZE MOTOYA HAD BEEN THAT BADLY HURT.

HE READ HER THOUGHTS
THEN IT WAS THAT MAN'S FAULT!
WHEN HE WAS REVIVED, HE WENT INSANE BECAUSE OF HIS OWN POWER.
THAT WOMAN...
SHE TRIED TO KILL YOU TO RECEIVE THE INSURANCE BENEFITS.
TWELVE YEARS AGO...
NORTH GENERAL HOSPITAL

What's the matter, Motoya?
Aren't you happy to see me? It's been so long!
WHAT WAS TAKESHI THINKING!? HE'S STILL ALIVE!
Does your head still hurt?
AND MOTOYA... I ONLY WENT OUT WITH YOU BECAUSE YOU'D LISTEN TO EVERY WORD I SAID. YOU MUST'VE BEEN SO HAPPY... FOOL.
You should rest more
I'll call for the doctor.
DID YOU REALLY THINK I'D MARRY YOU? ALL I WANTED WAS THE CONSOLATION MONEY FOR THE KID. WHY WOULD I EVER WASTE MY TIME WITH YOU?

IF THE KID IS ACTUALLY BORN SOME DAY, YOU'LL FIND OUT IT'S NOT EVEN REALLY YOURS.
Don't worry. I'll always be here for you.
Get better soon. For our baby ♡
SMACK
No
IF YOU WOULD JUST DIE LIKE YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO, I'LL FINALLY GET THE INSURANCE AND CONSOLATION MONEY!
MAYBE I'LL TRY ASKING FOR THE BABY TO BE KILLED TOO. FOR CERTAIN.
Motoya?
Don't
DON'T TOUCH ME!!
SHUUU

ANYWAY
slurk
I almost lost my child from this accident.
SEEMS SHE BROKE UP WITH HIM, WITHOUT SAYING ANYTHING ABOUT HIS POWER.
IF SHE'S APPEARED AGAIN, SHE MIGHT BE PLANNING SOMETHING
SO NOW WHAT?
YOU DON'T REALLY PLAN ON GOING THROUGH WITH HER REQUEST, DO YOU?
I DO.
...
THANKS FOR THE TALK
I HAVE A FEW THINGS TO LOOK INTO NOW
AND TAKE CARE

YO-HO!!
MAIZURU DETECTIVE AGENCY
AROUND ?
HEY, MOTOYA! IS NAK-AGAWA ...
BAM
GIVE THIS TO NAKAGAWA WHEN YOU SEE HIM. HE WAS LOOKING UP SOME INFO ON THAT WOMAN
KEEP YOURSELF TOGETHER, MAN
HEY!
twitch
DUUP
YOU KNOW YOU DON'T LOOK CUTE WHEN YOU SULK
boink
NO!
I don't wanna touch it!
glance

.....
EVEN THOUGH IT WASN'T ANY OF HIS BUSINESS
I HIT HIM
I HIT HIM.
BOSS
PLEASE DON'T RUN AWAY FROM ME
HE TELLS ME THAT HE LOVES ME AND THAT WE'LL ALWAYS BE TOGETHER ..
BUT, HIS HEART
HAJIME
I'M AFRAID

IF WE WERE TOGETHER 24/7 IF WE LIVED TOGETHER, I'D REALIZE IT WITH EVERY TOUCH
HE'D COME TO HATE ME SOMEDAY HE'D GET SICK OF ME SOMEDAY
I THINK I'D GO INSANE.
THEN WHY DON'T YOU GET RID OF HIM FIRST?
FLUMP
WHY WOULD I--?
THAT WAY, YOU WOULDN'T GET HURT

MEH, HE'D PROBABLY GET HURT A LITTLE, BUT HE'S STILL YOUNG
HE COULD ALWAYS FIND ANOTHER--
NO!
NO! HE'D NEVER --!
BECAUSE HE'S... HE'S MY...
NOW DO YOU SEE?
QUIT YOUR COMPLAINING AND TAKE A STAND FOR ONCE!
brush
JEEZ YOU'RE ANNOYING!
YOU MAKE ME SICK
THINK ABOUT IT, BRAT!
HMPH

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The next day
I WONDER WHAT'S KEEPING NAKAGAWA-KUN?
HE WAS LATE YESTERDAY, TOO
WHAT IF SOMETHING HAPPENED?
tick tick tick tick tick
TA...TAKI-SAN. THAT'S WHAT I WANTED TO ASK YOU! WHAT DO YOU SAY TO THAT!?
Fell off his chair
Even if you ARE his sister, you can still be a pain
WHAT ON EARTH HAPPENED TO MY LITTLE BROTHER!? I DEMAND AN EXPLANATION!!
NOW SEE HERE, MAIZURU!
FLOP
eek!
HERE!
IT'S A DEATH-THREAT!
SEX:EAM

IT'S RIDICULOUS! HE'S ASKING FOR 500 MILLION IN RANSOM!
TOKI'S NOT EVEN AFFILIATED WITH THE NAKAGAWA GROUP ANYMORE! THERE'S NO WAY WE'D EVEN PAY A FRACTION OF THAT!
CRUSH
SQUEEZE
THAT WITCH...

But, Taki san- I'm only a detective
DON'T WORRY I BROUGHT YAMASHITA ALONG
I'm friends with the police
WHO THE HELL ARE YOU GUYS?
THAT PERSON!
FOR NOW...
WELL THEN, I'LL LEAVE THE REST TO YOU
I'M OFF TO MY HONEYMOON NOW!
AND DON'T FORGET ♡
.....

whoa
YOU CAN ACCESS ANY OF THE FAMILY BUSINESS' FACILITIES, INFORMATION SYSTEMS, MONEY, AND ANYTHING ELSE YOU TWO MIGHT NEED WITH A SINGLE CALL.
AND IF ANYTHING WERE TO HAPPEN...
YOU HAVE MY PERMISSION TO DEAL WITH THE PERPETRATOR.
SLAM
JEEZ! SO THAT'S THE NEW HEAD OF THE NAGAKAWA GROUP, EH? SO, THE RUMORS ARE TRUE.
SHE MUST'VE BEEN WHO THAT DOG WAS TRYING TO WARN US ABOUT.
RIGHT.
SHE MUST NOT HAVE BEEN THINKING THINGS THROUGH TO KIDNAP NAKAGAWA INSTEAD OF YOU. IF IT WAS THE MONEY SHE WAS AFTER.
YOU TWO MUST'VE BEEN BORN UNDER A LUCKY STAR, FOR BOTH BEING KIDNAPPED AT ONE TIME OR ANOTHER
And you got fingerprints on the death threat.
HOW SHOULD I KNOW!?
Gimme a break!
LET'S GET OUTTA HERE AND FIND YOUR DOG
YOU JUST DON'T KNOW WHEN TO QUIT, DO YOU!
HE'S NOT MY DOG!

What am I doing getting abducted at MY age?
WHAT AM I GONNA DO WITH YOU?
CREAK
roll
!?
SHUT YOUR MOUTH!
whaa
whaa
whaa
GET OUTTA MY WAY YOU BRAT!
NN
bink

WELL ... AT LEAST I'M LUCKY TO STILL BE ALIVE
IT'S THE KID... HE'S CRYING
SMACK
SHUT THE FUCK UP!
POW
SLAP
GO TO BED NOW!
WHAAA
WHAAA

SW
ISH

twitch
tight
IS HE STILL ALIVE?
I THINK SO
WE HAVE TO HURRY.
THEY TIED HIM UP AND THEN TOOK HIM AWAY IN A CAR.

THIS IS AN ABDUCTION CASE LET THE POLICE HANDLE THE REST.
WHAT!?
HOLD YOUR HORSES.
dash
THAT THE PLACE?
Work'n' with you sure cuss down on the cases
DON'T YOU GET IT? NAKAGAWA'S A FULL GROWN MAN! IT'S DEFINITELY SAYING SOMETHING ABOUT THE CRIMINAL IF HE WAS ABLE TO KIDNAP HIM
HIS SIS SAID THE CHANCES ARE A MILLION TO ONE, BUT WE CAN'T EVEN GUESS WHAT WE MIGHT BE GOING UP AGAINST.
SO LOOK BEFORE YOU LEAP, WOULD YA!?
In other words you'd be wasting your time.
OK?
...!

YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS! I CAN'T JUST STAND BACK AND TWIDDLE MY THUMBS! WHAT IF SOMETHING HAPPENS TO HIM IN THE MEANTIME!?
WE HAVE TO—
WE HAVE TO SAVE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!
HE'S BLEEDING—
turn
YOU REALLY ARE AN IDIOT. LOOK, THE POLICE ARE ALREADY MOVING IN
IT'S OPEN! TIME TO DELIVER THE MONEY
!!
THEY'LL GET NAKAGAWA OUTTA THERE. DON'T YOU WORRY. YOU JUST WAIT 'TILL MY MEN HAVE THOSE GUYS BEHIND BARS
LURE 'EM AWAY FROM THE HOSTAGE FIRST

SUMI
YT DOOM
THEY DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOUR POWER
YOU JUST FOCUS ON THE THINGS THEY OVER-LOOK
...!
NAKAGAWA-KUN...!

kuh-clack

HE'S BEEN ABUSED...

IT'S A PITY THIS HAD TO HAPPEN TO YOU, TOO. YOU PROBABLY WOULDN'T HAVE CAUGHT MY EYE LIKE THAT IF YOU HADN'T BEEN WORKING UNDER HIM.
BUT IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE A MEMBER OF THE NAKAGAWA GROUP WOULD WASTE THEIR TIME AS AN ASSISTANT TO A GUY LIKE MOTOYA.
YOU KNOW ABOUT HIM, DON'T YOU? HE THREW ME AWAY LIKE GARBAGE THE MOMENT I GOT PREGNANT WHEN WE WERE ENGAGED. NO REASON, WHATSOEVER...
HE EVEN ACCUSED ME THAT IT WASN'T HIS OWN CHILD!
NEEDLE MARKS
SHUFFLE
NOT THAT CHILD WHO KNOWS WHO HE BELONGS TO - DID HE FALL ASLEEP THERE?
IT'S THE ONLY THING I CAN DO TO SHUT HIM UP.

MY LIFE IS SUCH A MESS.
EVER SINCE HE BETRAYED ME
Sigh
YES
THIS IS MY REVENGE
AND IF ONE OF US IS BITTER, IT'S MOTOYA
WHO COULD THAT BE?
knock knock
YES?
DID YOU FORGET --
clank

MOTO
--YA!
YAMA
--!
!!
LONG TIME, NO SEE. UP TO YOUR OLD TRICKS AGAIN, HUH?
!!
clack
ENOUGH WITH THE INTRODUC-TIONS. YOU STAY RIGHT WHERE YOU ARE.
WAIT!
I CAN EXPLAIN!
THERE
WHERE IS HE?
WAIT!

BAM
THEY THREATENED ME!
NAKAGAWA-KUN!
THEY... THEY SAID THEY'D KILL THE KID IF I DIDN'T LISTEN TO THEM!
WHY!? WHY WAS I THE ONLY ONE YOU WERE COLD TO!? YOU THREW ME AWAY WITHOUT A SECOND THOUGHT!
WHAT DID I DO WRONG!? I...I LOVED YOU!!
...!
MOTOYA! MOTOYA, LISTEN TO ME! I STILL...
IT'S LIKE TO REPORT A HOSTAGE SITUATION
NAKAGAWA-KUN! NANG IN THERE!

YOU IGNORED MY CALLS, AND REFUSED TO SEE ME!
I JUST WANTED YOU TO KNOW MY FEELINGS--
ENOUGH!
EVERYTHING YOU EVER SAID WAS A LIE.
LET ME SPELL THIS OUT FOR YOU SO THAT IT MAKES SENSE.
YOU MESSED UP YOUR LITTLE "REVENGE" PLOT.

I HAVE THE RIGHT TO, DON'T I?
WHA ...?
I'M THE ONE WHO'LL BE DOING THE REVENGE.

W-WHERE'S YOUR PROOF ...!?
GLARE
OR HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN?
TRYING TO GET ME KILLED IN THAT ACCIDENT, YOU REALLY ARE A HEARTLESS WITCH.
BUT BECAUSE I LIVED, YOU DIDN'T GET THE INSURANCE BENEFITS AND GOT YOURSELF KNOCKED UP BY SOME OTHER MAN
AND YOU'RE THE ONE THAT ABANDONED ME! YOU HAVE NO IDEA WHAT I WENT THROUGH!
OH, I KNOW ALL RIGHT.
BUT I SUPPOSE I WAS ONLY PAYING FOR MY OWN MISTAKES
EVEN NOW, YOU USED SOMEONE ELSE TO MAKE YOURSELF HAPPY.
AND ONE OF THE KIDNAPPERS THIS TIME
WAS THE SAME MAN WHO KILLED ME TAKESHI

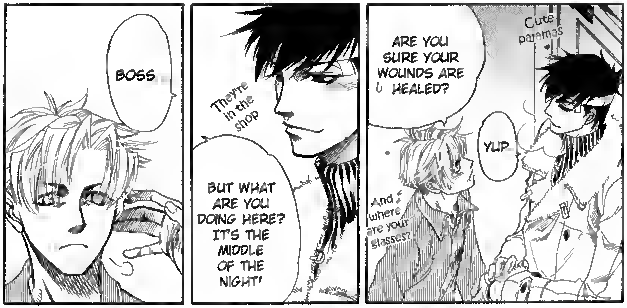
GO AHEAD AND HATE ME, IF YOU WANT
BUT IT'S NOTHING COMPARED TO HOW MUCH I WISH YOU WERE DEAD.
tremble
HOWEVER, WHEN YOU START HURTING THOSE I CARE ABOUT
MAIZURU-SAN?

I'LL RIP OUT EVERY MEMORY, SCAR, AND DIRTY LITTLE SECRET FROM THAT BLACK HEART OF YOURS.
AND I'LL MAKE SURE YOU HATE EVERY MINUTE OF IT.
WITH THE VERY POWER YOU GAVE ME
Gasp!

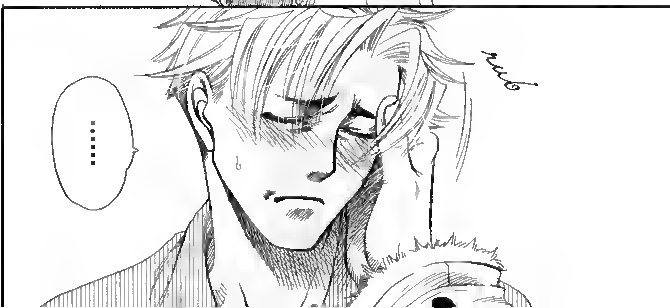
Ah!
BOSS, DON'T!
NAK-AGA-WA--KUN
DON'T DO IT! PLEASE, DON'T TOUCH HER!

PLEASE ...COME HERE.
I'M SORRY. IT WAS MY FAULT ....
THAT YOU GOT HURT. I BET IT HURT... DIDN' IT?
BUT IT'S ALL OVER NOW.
ding dong
ding dong
WE'RE SAFE NOW.

NAKAGAWA-KUN...
click
NAKA-GAWA-KUN!
CLOSE


BOSS
There in the shop
BUT WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE? IT'S THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT!
ARE YOU SURE YOUR WOUNDS ARE HEALED?
Cute pajamas
YUP.
And where are your glasses?

I WANTED TO SEE YOU AGAIN.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YOU WERE WORRIED ABOUT THE BOY, WEREN'T YOU.
ME, TOO
WE KNEW HE WAS ABUSED BY HIS PARENTS, SO HE'S STAYING IN THE HOSPITAL FOR NOW
ONCE HE'S RECOVERED, WE'LL FIND HIM SOME KIND FOSTER PARENTS
RIGHT.
MAIZURU-SAN
HM?

ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
OF COURSE!
NOW THAT YOU'RE HERE.
THANK YOU NAKAGA-WA-KUN

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NAKAGA-WA-KUN
hold
...!
I'M GLAD...
YOU DON'T HAVE THE SAME POWER AS ME
WHY'S THAT?
IT'D SCARE YOU...
BECAUSE...
THE REAL ME IS COLD-HEARTED... CRUEL
I TRY TO HIDE THE FACT THAT I'M MORE TWISTED AND UGLY THAN EVERYONE ELSE...

I'M A HORRIBLE MAN.
THAT'S WHY I'M SO AFRAID TO TOUCH YOU.
MAIZURU-SAN! WHY--!
SOONER OR LATER ...
YOU'LL COME TO HATE ME
THAT COULD NEVER HAPPEN!
YOU'LL BE SICK OF ME SOMEDAY.
I WON'T!

I KNOW YOU MAY BE TELLING THE TRUTH NOW, BUT..
YOU...
WILL--
IT'S BEEN TOO LONG SINCE YOU LEARNED TO TRUST SOMEONE.
EVEN ME.
IF THAT'S WHAT YOU REALLY BELIEVE, THEN I'LL LEAVE YOU ALONE.
trust

NAKA --!
sweep
AH...
....!
grip
ARE YOU WORRIED?
gulp
NOW THAT YOU CAN'T READ ME?

I'M EVEN MORE WORRIED.
I'LL NEVER KNOW WHEN YOU'RE GOING TO GET UP AND LEAVE ME
BECAUSE I CAN NEVER TELL WHAT YOU'RE THINKING BEHIND THAT CALM FACE OF YOURS.
No, I'd--
SO, MAYBE YOU SHOULD LEAVE ME ALONE
BECAUSE I'M THE ONLY ONE YOU CAN RELY ON
Forever
I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO BELIEVES IN YOU.

It hurts, how much I want to touch you.
NAKAGAWA-KUN
Will you...
Live with me forever?
!!
YES

AND WE WERE ONLY KISSING.
blush
AH!
NN!
touch
MMPH
IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE WE'VE DONE THIS, HMM?
AMAZING...
stroke
stroke
NN!
NNN!
AH!
twitch

MM
!!
thudump
twitch
Wait!
S-
stop!
SORRY, DID I HURT YOU? I DIDN'T--
slip
AH!
DON'T WORRY
rustle
I'LL LET YOU CUM AS MANY TIMES AS YOU'D LIKE
HUH?
already?
BECAUSE
Oh, it's because it's been a while, huh?
wait
wait

shlip
shlip
...NN!
NGH!
NN!
thudump
lick
AH!
HAA!
PLEASE TRY TO RELAX
MMPH!
thmp
GRAB

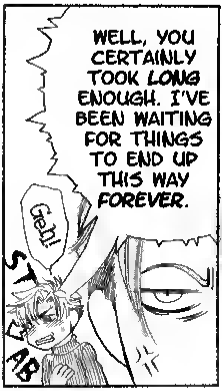
AH!
NN... AH!
MAIZURU-SAN?
haa
NAKA...
AH!
...NN!
haa
haa
NN!
MORE...

NAKA-GAWA NN!
Kiss
HAA!
... NA--
stroke
Suck
NN!
NPU!
STOP
BUT, YOU KNOW
stroke
NO!
I'M NOT GOING TO LET YOU GO.
thrust
... AAH!
AAAH!
thrust
HAA!
thrust
??

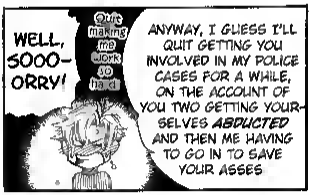
forever ...

RATTLE
Hey! Where's this go?
Are there still boxes in the truck?
RATTLE
AND?

ONE WEEK LATER


WELL, YOU CERTAINLY TOOK LONG ENOUGH. I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR THINGS TO END UP THIS WAY FOREVER.
Gah!
STAB

SO YOU'VE FINALLY DECIDED TO MOVE IN TOGETHER, EH?
Uh didn't you come to help?
YEAH


WELL, SOOO-ORRY!
Quit making me work so hard!
ANYWAY, I GUESS I'LL QUIT GETTING YOU INVOLVED IN MY POLICE CASES FOR A WHILE, ON THE ACCOUNT OF YOU TWO GETTING YOURSELVES ABDUCTED AND THEN ME HAVING TO GO IN TO SAVE YOUR ASSES

?
STILL, I CAN'T HELP BUT LOVE YOU GUYS.
THANK YOU!
WE'VE FINISHED BRINGING EVERYTHING INSIDE! THANKS FOR YOUR HUSHNESS!
BUT I DON'T SEE WHY YOU'D WANT TO MOVE INTO A PLACE THAT DOESN'T EVEN HAVE A BATH
HUH?
But, there was supposed to be a room in that room over there It was being remodeled three days ago--
WHAT? YOU MEAN THAT OLD THING?
NOW THAT NAKAGAWA-KUN'S MOVED IN, I WANTED TO MAKE THE ROOM BIGGER FOR HIS TO USE.
I MADE IT INTO A STOREROOM. ♡
BECAUSE OF ALL THE PAPERS AND BOOKS, I PUT IN SOME SHELVES!
Wh
ere
Und good
BATH
?

That's right... he always keeps himself covered
HUH? OH, YOU'RE RIGHT
WELL, OBVIOUSLY
What a thing to ask
WELL, WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO IF YOU DON'T WANT TO ACCIDENTLY BUMP INTO SOMEONE?
BOO STOPED ROOM
GO TO THE PUBLIC BATHS!
SO, WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO?
Nakasaka-kun~ I don't like this!
That's where I like to do my work, so... I guess it might be a tight fit.
...I'D USE THE KITCHEN SINK.
THERE'S NO FUCKIN' WAY I'M EVER DRINKING TEA AT YOUR PLACE AGAIN!!
IDIOT!
Huh? Wh-what's wrong? Did I say something wrong?
I'M A MARRIED MAN FOR CRYIN' OUT LOUD!
I'D LIKE THE ROOM REMODELLED, AND PLEASE PUT A BATH IN! I BEG YOU!
whirrrr
boom
clang clang
Why!?
CRASH
BASH

The Fingertip's Love / END

Heyas, all!

This is Cirrus, just sayin' to keep it cool cuz yes, Shi-ran is closin' and yes, I handed over everything we had in a nice big zip to Nakama and they got total freedom to do whatever the hell they want with the stuff. Hell, I HOPE they do decide to mess with what's in there, and I have every bit 'o faith that they'll do a kickass job releasin' projects that Shi-ran never got around ta' finishin', as well as just releasin' series we just got sittin' around.

See, Cibo's graduatin', so she needs the time to find a job. Me? I'm headed to TP again fer the summer!! Arrool And after that, Japan for a year, so why would I want to leave all those files just collectin' dust on my comp? I say nay! I say let Nakama carry on the tradition 'o good quality. Ha! ~~~mm, sounds like an ad for laundry machines~~~ Oh well.

Enjoy!

And here's my guiltless plug: check out my website, cuz I plan on finally havin' the time to add more pics to it!: www.cirrusarts.com

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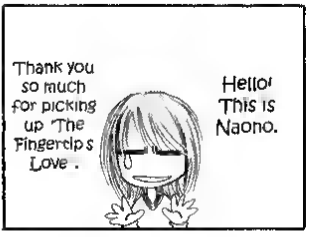
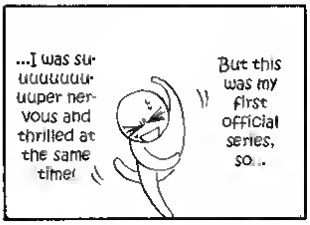
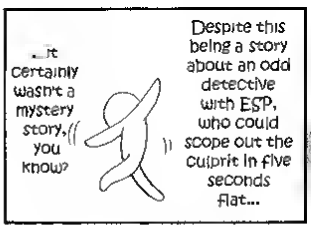
circle of friends

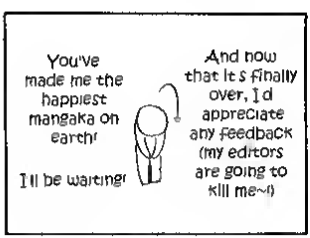
sweet as candy.

AFTER WORDS


Thank you so much for picking up "The Fingertip's Love".
Hello! This is Naono.

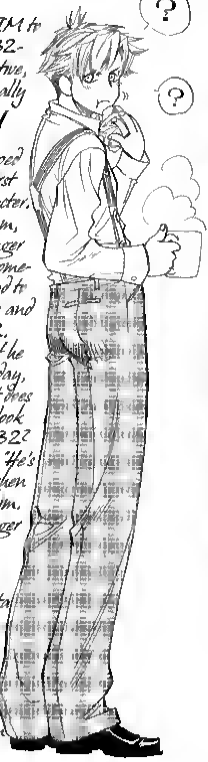

...I was suuuuuuuuuuper nervous and thrilled at the same time!
But this was my first official series, so...


...It certainly wasn't a mystery story, you know?
Despite this being a story about an odd detective with ESP, who could scope out the culprit in five seconds flat...


You've made me the happiest mangaka on earth!
I'll be waiting!
And now that it's finally over, I'd appreciate any feedback (my editors are going to kill me~!)

Nakagawa Taki's Wedding!

THE TRUTH ABOUT MAIZURU

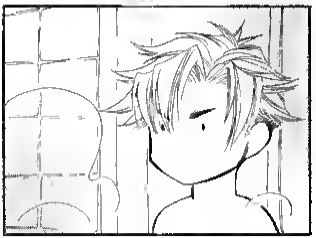


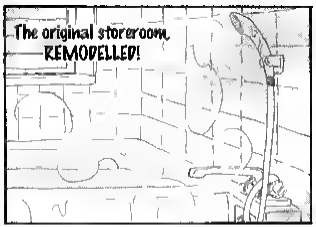
He may CLAIM to be a regular 32-year-old detective, but... he's really

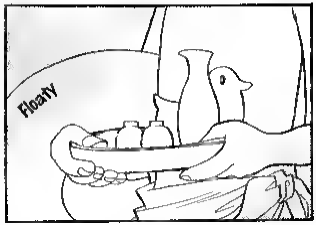
38!!

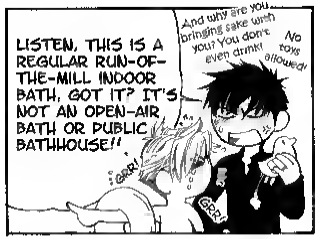
My editor stopped when I was first making his character. She said, "Hmm, make him younger... like 20's or something." So I had to swallow my pride and make him 32. So trust me, if he ever had a birthday, he'd be 39. But does he really even look like he could be 32? I kept thinking "He's 38, he's 38," when I was drawing him. "Huh? He's younger than that? Yeah, right."

Oh, and Yamashita Hajime's also 38. By the way, Nakagawa's supposedly 27, but because he's ------, I fixed him to only be 25.








LISTEN, THIS IS A REGULAR RUN-OF-THE-MILL INDOOR BATH, GOT IT? IT'S NOT AN OPEN-AIR BATH OR PUBLIC BATHHOUSE!!
And why are you bringing sake with you? You don't even drink!
No toys allowed!
GRR!
GRR!

EVER SINCE I FIRST STARTED LIVING WITH MAIZURU, THERE'S BEEN ONE THING THAT I JUST CAN'T FORGIVE HIM FOR...
AND THAT IS...
squii iiiir+
Rub a dub-dub, thanks for the grub! ♡
I'LL DO MY BEST!
HOW CAN I STAND LIVING WITH SOMEONE LIKE THIS!?
I bet chi'd taste better with some soy sauce ♡
He always puts mayonnaise on his rice. (T_T)
yum
yum

THE TRUTH ABOUT NAKAGAWA

I meant to draw him always wearing black, but it actually turned out making him look suspicious, which worked out well. Yeah, so I always drew him, calling him "the black guy in my head."

He's the son of a rich family, but he kept giving off the feeling that he was a worry wart at heart, so he ended up as a classic criminal... even though he's gay.

Plus, his glasses were a pain in the butt, but he has poor eyesight...

Okay, I know this doesn't make any sense, does it?

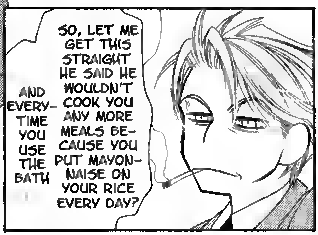
As usual, he always wore brand clothes so he'd probably pick up a lot of girls...he was actually into them

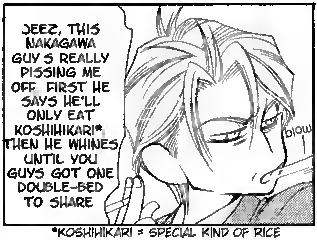
THE TRUTH ABOUT YAMASHITA

There's really nothing special about him. He's just a secondary character. He's Mazuru's best friend, and one of the few honest people who are okay when Mazuru touches them. He's really quite the opposite of Mazuru, don't you think? A crude and cold person. But he's surprisingly popular... Though he's not much of a people person.

Seems he is a smooth enough guy. He made himself a family. I was a bit worried because he started smiling less and less as the story progressed. Keep going, Yamashita...

What it Means to Kill


SO, LET ME GET THIS STRAIGHT HE SAID HE WOULDN'T COOK YOU ANY MORE MEALS BECAUSE YOU PUT MAYONNAISE ON YOUR RICE EVERY DAY?
AND EVERY-TIME YOU USE THE BATH


JEEZ, THIS NAKAGAWA GUY'S REALLY PISSING ME OFF. FIRST HE SAYS HE'LL ONLY EAT KOSHIHIKARI*. THEN HE WHINES UNTIL YOU GUYS GOT ONE DOUBLE-BED TO SHARE
DIOW!

*KOSHIHIKARI = SPECIAL KIND OF RICE

yubisaki no koi

I can feel your love from my fingertips.

Toki Nakagawa
and
Motoya Maizuru

Bohra Naono
presents